

Dear Community Member,

We invite you to learn more about a research study being conducted by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. We are recruiting parents or legal guardians who use tobacco and have an 8-10-year-old child living with them.

More specifically, we are recruiting adults (18 years or older) who:

- have used any tobacco product for at least 1 year and have used tobacco in the past month and
- are the primary caregiver (parent or legal guardian) to a child aged 8-10 years old who lives in the home, is capable of participating in study procedures (with assistance from staff if needed), and is aware that their caregiver uses tobacco.

The goal of the research study is to learn about your thoughts about 1) preventing tobacco/nicotine use in children and 2) about a tobacco prevention intervention named Smoke-free Kids that helps caregivers/parents who use tobacco/nicotine to prevent their children from using tobacco. By doing this study, we hope to learn how to update this intervention to help other caregivers/parents who use tobacco to prevent their children from using tobacco.

### **What will happen if I join the research study?**

Parents and their children who qualify for the research study and decide to sign-up will be complete surveys and participate in either a focus group or interview. More specifically, parents will complete an online survey. Parents will then either participate in a virtual or in-person focus group (or group discussion) with other parents who use tobacco or complete a one-on-one interview with study staff. There will also be a short online survey for parents to complete at the end of the focus group or interview. Children will complete a survey over the phone with study staff and then participate in either a focus group with other children or a one-on-one interview with study staff. In-person group discussions and/or interviews will either be held at locations in the community (e.g., library) or at UAMS in Little Rock. They will also complete a short survey after the child focus group or interview is complete. You will be in the study about 1-month (depending on how long it takes to schedule the focus groups/interviews) and take about 3 hours of your time.

### **What do I need to know to decide if I should join this research study?**

People decide to join research studies for many reasons. Here are some of the main things you should think about before choosing to join this study.

#### **Main reasons to join the research study**

- ✓ It will help us to learn more about ways to help prevent tobacco/nicotine use in children.
- ✓ It will help us to learn more about ways to improve a tobacco prevention intervention named Smoke-free Kids that helps caregivers/parents who use tobacco/nicotine to prevent their children from using tobacco.

#### **Main reasons not to join the research study**

- ✓ You may not feel like participating at this time.
- ✓ You may not use tobacco or nicotine.
- ✓ You may not be the caregiver/parent of a child who is 8-to-10 years old.

These are just some of the reasons to help you decide if you want to join the research study. We will explain more about the risks, benefits, and other options to joining the study later in this form.

**Will I be paid for being in the research study?**

- Yes, if you complete the research study, caregivers will receive \$50 in cash/gift card and children will receive \$10 in cash/gift card. This amount was set to offset the potential costs transportation and/or childcare. If you change your mind and decide not to be in the study, you will only be paid for the parts you completed.
- In addition, if you opt-in to collecting a sample of your child's hair at home and mailing it to the study team; you will receive \$10 compensation for participating in this additional study component.

**How can I learn more?**

To learn more or to see if you are eligible for this research study, please scan the QR code below to complete the screening form or contact our study team at familytobaccoproject@uams.edu or 501-830-1280.



We look forward to hearing with you!

Sincerely,

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