



Dear Participant,

My name is Jeff Friedman, and I am in the marriage and family therapy (MFT) doctoral program at Nova Southeastern University. In order to fulfill partial requirements for my doctorate degree, I am conducting a research study to contribute to the body of literature in the Marriage and Family Therapy field. I am interested in examining how individuals adapted to their adverse childhood experiences. Through this research study, I seek to explore the views of 10 adults between the ages 18 years and 65. The criteria for participation is that you have experienced at least one adverse childhood event. You must live in North America, An English speaker and be between the ages of 18 and 65, as well as be willing to share your experience. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary, and you will not be compensated for your time. You will also be asked to sign and return a consent form to the researcher by email after he has reviewed it with you and answered all your questions. Should you decide to participate in this research study, you will meet with the researcher for one interview, of approximately one hour of your time. The interview will consist of questions formulated by the researcher, as well as any

additional questions, which may arise as a result of a response, which needs clarification, or engenders interest in acquiring further information. The interview will take place over the phone on a secure telephone service called SecureSpeak.

Confidentiality is of optimum importance for academic research. There is always the potential for a breach of confidentiality, although unlikely. Your raw data will be

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available to my dissertation chair Dr. Jim Hibel and the IRB committee. Every effort will be made by the researcher to ensure the confidentiality of your information throughout the entire process. Your name and any other identifying information will be removed to protect your identity.

If you are interested in participating, have any questions regarding the requirements for participation, or any other questions regarding the research study in general, please contact the researcher, Jeff Friedman via telephone at 954-494-9914, or email at acequalnova@gmail.com

Thanks.

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