

Why YOUR participation is important!

- Participating gives you the chance to share your experiences and opinions about foster care and adoption, and your plans for the future.
- NC-PALS can help organizations in North Carolina better support children and youth adopted from foster care and their families.
- NC-PALS will provide information on how to best serve the interests of people like YOU—young people adopted from foster care.

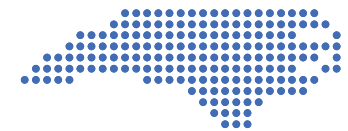


Questions?

We would be happy to talk with you about any questions you may have about the study. Please contact the research team by phone or email at:

Toll-free: 1-855-837-0052

Email: study@uwsc.wisc.edu



NC-PALS

POST-ADOPTION LIFE STUDY

What is NC-PALS?

NC-PALS, the North Carolina Post-Adoption Life Study, is about life experiences of young people who were adopted from foster care in North Carolina. Child Trends and the University of Wisconsin are conducting this study, with funding from The Duke Endowment.

What is the purpose?

To learn how young people like you, who were adopted from foster care in North Carolina, are doing as young adults, and to understand your experiences with, and opinions about foster care and adoption.

How do I participate?

When you turn 18, we would like to interview you, in person, about your life experiences and opinions about foster care and adoption. The interview takes 1 to 1 ½ hours, and **you receive \$50 cash for participating!**

How do I sign up?

If you're interested in learning more, please share your contact information with the research team. There are three ways to do so:

- 1. Online:** Visit the following website and **enter the code provided on the letter we sent in this packet** (please check with your parent if you need help finding the letter and/or the code): <https://study.uwsc.wisc.edu/ncpals>
- 2. Mail:** Fill out the contact form (also sent with this packet) and mail it back to the research team by using the self-addressed stamped envelope we've included.
- 3. Phone:** Call the University of Wisconsin toll-free at 1-855-837-0052 and mention NC-PALS. If you have the code provided on the letter in this packet, that would be helpful, but it's not required.

When and where would the interview happen?

You would be interviewed when and where it's convenient for you. The interview could happen in your home or a community location that you choose.

If you share your contact information with the research team, we will contact you after you turn 18 (or, if you are already 18, shortly after you let us know you're interested) to invite you to participate and then schedule an interview.

What if I don't live in North Carolina anymore, or if I'll be out of the state for a while?

No problem! You can still participate in the study.

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