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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to tell you about a study that might interest your 16 to 18-year-old child who was adopted.

NC-PALS (North Carolina Post-Adoption Life Study), seeks to learn about the life experiences of young people adopted from foster care in North Carolina. The study is being conducted by Child Trends, together with the University of Wisconsin, with funding from The Duke Endowment. Participating in an interview is an opportunity for your child to share their experiences and opinions about foster care, the adoption process, education and employment, and their future plans. Policymakers, program administrators, and advocates will benefit from learning about the experiences of young people adopted from foster care. The research team feels strongly that the study's findings will help improve adoption practices and post-adoption support for families. This is an important study – and your child can be a part of it!

Your child will receive \$50 cash as a “thank you” for participating.

If your child is interested in participating, please provide their contact information to the University of Wisconsin to receive more information. Enclosed is a description of the study and \$5 to thank you for considering this request.

To respond online, please type the following address into your browser and enter the code provided below:

<https://study.uwsc.wisc.edu/ncpals>

Code: «passcode»

If you prefer, you can call the University of Wisconsin toll-free at 1-855-837-0052, or complete the enclosed contact form and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the study, please contact Karen Zoladz, University of Wisconsin project director, at study@uwsc.wisc.edu, or toll-free at 1-855-837-0052.

Thank you!

[ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE]

[First Last Name]

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