

APPENDIX A1: Letter of Consent

Dear _____

Thank you for choosing to participate in my Master's research study. The focus of the study is on adolescents' experiences of divorce. In order to attain information that is relevant, I would like to explore the emotions you experienced during and after the divorce, and the ways in which you coped; what assisted you and what made the experience worse for you. I am interested in your perspective of the divorce, with the hope that your experience may help other adolescents who are experiencing similar distress.

Your participation in the research will entail two interviews, lasting approximately two hours each. Each interview will be recorded on audiotape, and transcribed. You will also be given the opportunity to read the transcripts and offer your input and feedback.

Please note that:

- You are under no financial obligation.
- All information will be treated with the strictest confidence. Your name will not be reflected in the dissertation, nor will I reveal your name to anyone.
- You can withdraw from the study at any time that you choose. However, it is hoped that you will find the conversations beneficial and that they will be helpful in your understanding of your experience of your parents' divorce.

Thank you again for agreeing to participate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Tel #: _____