

Sample Oral Script for Child/Minor Assent developed by the John Carroll University IRB

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For children that are not proficient readers but are still capable of assenting, the IRB suggests that researchers utilize an oral assent script (see sample below). Parental permission is still required but the child will not be asked to sign an assent form.

ORAL SCRIPT FOR CHILD/MINOR ASSENT

Hi, my name is _____. I am a _____ at John Carroll University and I am doing a project to learn how _____. I would like to ask you for your help so I can do my project. Let me tell you about what you would be doing. [Explain in very simple language the activities the child will do keeping it short.] If you say “yes” you can still stop at any time by telling me “I want to stop.” You won’t get in any trouble for stopping. Your parent(s) know that I am asking you to do these things. Would you like to help me with my project?