**Title of Study:**

**Principal Investigator:**

**Key information:** Informed consent must begin with a concise and focused presentation of the key information that is most likely to assist a prospective participant or legally authorized representative in understanding the reasons why one might or might not want to participate in the research. This part of the informed consent must be organized and presented in a way that facilitates comprehension.

1. The fact that consent is being sought for research and that participation is voluntary
2. The purposes of the research, expected duration of participation, and the procedures to be followed
3. The reasonably foreseeable risks or discomforts to the prospective participant from the research
4. The benefits to the participant or others that may be reasonably expected from the research
5. Appropriate alternative procedures or treatment, if any, that might be advantageous to the participant

**Procedures:** Further detail of the purposes of the research; a description of the procedures in which the participant will be involved; the expected duration of each procedure and the study as a whole; and identification of any procedures that are experimental.

**Risks:** A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks or discomforts to the participant *from the research.*

**Benefits:** A description of any benefits to the participant or to others that may reasonably be expected *from the research*.

**Incentives:** Describe any incentives that will be given to study participants, including specific amounts and method of payment.

**Alternative Procedures:** A disclosure of appropriate alternative procedures or courses of treatment, if any, that might be advantageous to the participant.

**Confidentiality:** A description of how confidentiality of records identifying the participant will be maintained;

**Contact:** The name and contact information for answers to pertinent questions about the research and whom to contact in the event of a research-related injury to the participant. Also include: If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in research, please contact Janet Storey, Chair of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Institutional Review Board at 860-418-6823 or janet.storey@ct.gov.

**Voluntary Participation:** A statement that participation is voluntary, refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which the participant is otherwise entitled, and the participant may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which the participant is otherwise entitled.

**Future Research:** One of the following statements about any research that involves the collection of identifiable private information:

* A statement that identifiers might be removed from the identifiable private information and that, after such removal, the information could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without additional informed consent from the participant or the legally authorized representative, if this might be a possibility; or
* A statement that the participant's information collected as part of the research, even if identifiers are removed, will not be used or distributed for future research studies.