

Frequently Asked Questions

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Answers to all the questions you might have about being a part of P3. If your question isn't answered here, don't hesitate to reach out to us!

What if I'm not sure of my teen's sexual orientation?

Talking with your teen about their sexual orientation is not easy and we know that. At this phase in our study, we're only looking for parents who have talked with their teens about being gay, bi, queer, or questioning. If you want to talk to you teen about his/her/their sexual orientation, please check out our resource page for tips.

Why is this study for parents of gay, bisexual, or queer teen boys only?

Research shows that gay, bisexual, and queer teen boys have unique health concerns. Parents of these teens may not always be clear or knowledgeable about these unique concerns. We're focusing on parents of gay, bisexual, and queer teens because we're hoping to better understand the barriers they face when trying to find information and then communicate it to their teens.

What if I'm not comfortable with my teen's sexuality?

We want P3 parents of all different comfort levels. Whether you're really accepting, unsure how to be accepting, or just anxious about your teen, P3 will give you an outlet to talk about parenting a gay, bisexual, or queer teen with other people just like you. You may learn a lot about your teen through talking with others about their experiences. And participating may even help you feel more comfortable with your teen's sexuality. Remember, you can stop participating at any time should you feel P3 discussions are too much for you.

What will I need to do once I'm enrolled in the study?

Once you consent to being in the study, you will be asked to complete a confidential survey. We will then ask you to participate in an online, three day focus group. You can access and use the focus group on your desktop, laptop, or smart mobile device at any time that is convenient for you. You and a group of other parents will be asked questions and participate in discussions with each other. At the end of the three-day period you will be given \$40 for your time.

Are there any risks to me or my teen(s)?

There are no more risk associated with P3 participation than you ordinarily would encounter during general internet use. In fact, there is even less risk. Your survey is kept confidential on our Northwestern servers and your participation in the focus groups is anonymous.

Can my co-parent, partner, or spouse also participate?

Yep! In fact, we would encourage it. Your co-parent, partner, or spouse can opt into the same or different focus group. You will not be able to see each other's survey responses and if you are in different focus groups, you will not be able to see each other's responses to questions. If you have additional concerns but want both you and your co-parent, partner, or spouse to participant, please email us.