# ACCESSIBLE CONSENT FORMS FOR RESEARCH PARICIPATION

## What does a consent form need?

### Invitation
- Why do you want people to participate in your research?

### Purpose of the Research
- Why are you researching your topic and do you hope to get out of it?
- Who are you targeting?

### Description of the Participation
- What will the participant do and learn?
- Will they receive feedback?

### Informing that Participation is Voluntary
- Let the participants know that their decision to not participate or to withdraw from the project will have no negative effects on their participation in future research opportunities.

### Confidentiality
- Let participants know their confidentiality will be ensured.
- Identifying information will be stored separately from the data and will not be pushlished at the end of your research.

### Risks
- Some personal information may be shared with new individuals, and they do not need to share anything that makes them uncomfortable.
- Shared information may be gained by outsiders, but all efforts will be taken to ensure the shared information is kept PRIVATE.

### Potential Benefits & Compensation
- Participants can benefit from their learning engagement in the research and benefit other individuals in the future.
- Will your participants earn money from completing in your research project?

### Questions & Contact Information
- Do they have any questions about the research project? If they do, who should they contact? Provide a name, phone number, and email.

### Checklist of the Content of the Form
- Provide a checklist to ensure the participants is aware of their participation, what the expectations are, and their rights as a participant.
- Will the research be taking photos of participants? If so, you need to ask permission first!

### Name of the Participant, Signature, & Date

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## How do you make consent forms accessible?

**1** Use familiar images (i.e. PECS) and make sure it conveys clearly with the context

**What's PECS?**
The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) is an augmentative and alternative communication system

**2** Have a lot of white space on the page

**3** Implement ADA compliances (font size = 16, font = Ariel)

**4** Have concise information. Less words are better!

**5** **Bold** important words

**6** Encourage to receive feedback to ensure the content is clear

**7** Be consistent and have simplicity in the design

**Our top priority is creating an inclusive culture in research.**