

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION INFO SHEET

To Go or To Stay

Young people raised in rural areas are 'naturally' expected to go to larger urban areas when they finish school. This is an expensive and challenging choice. If it doesn't go well, it may increase the risk of being or becoming homeless. However, the resources needed for successful adulthood (like education or good jobs) are often not available rurally, so deciding to stay in the rural area may also increase the risk of homelessness. It's a tough decision either way.

This research project explores the relationship between the decision of young people raised in rural areas to migrate to urban areas, specifically Lindsay, city of Peterborough, or Toronto.

Are you eligible to participate? Yes, if

- You are between 16 and 30 years of age (we prefer older: your stories are longer)
- You spent the majority of your youth in Haliburton, Peterborough or Kawartha Lakes, living in other than the cities of Peterborough or Lindsay
- You are currently 'insecurely housed', that is, one pay check or other means of income or one crisis from losing the roof over your head.

What does participating involve?

You would take part in a one-on-one interview in which you discuss your migration decisions. This interview will be typed as you speak and you can edit what is typed. You may get a hard copy of your interview. You will receive \$40 for participating. You may negotiate for help with other related expenses, like transportation or child care.

Interviews will be scheduled for a time and place of mutual convenience. It will likely take about two hours.

What would the interview cover?

We will ask you to discuss if/when you moved, why or why not, and how that decision worked for you.

How could I be included?

You can contact Fay Martin, who is doing the interviews, by e-mail at fay.martin@fayandassociates.com, or by text at 705-457-6912. You can leave a message with information about how we can contact you at 416-338-8354. We will be in touch to confirm that you meet the criteria for participating in this research and to make a specific appointment for when and where the interview can take place.