

Kinship Rising

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***Kinship Rising:
Consent as Resurgence
by the INVINCIBLE
youth researchers***

presented at the
**Consent & Care:
Research Ethics Board
Educational
Workshop**



INVINCIBLE: Our Voices from Care is a storytelling project created, written and designed by Indigenous youth who are part of the Youth Council at Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services on lək'wəŋən homelands.

INVINCIBLE is grateful to have been invited by Island Health to present at the Consent & Care: Research Ethics Board Educational Workshop on April 12, 2024.



Consent & Care: Research Ethics Board 2024 Educational Workshop

PROCEEDINGS REPORT

APRIL 2025



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Youth researchers: **Rayne Kakewash; Mikayla Goodwin-Reid; Angel Houle; Ellen Hubert; Emma Hubert; Dorothy Stirling**

Q: How did the Kinship Rising research team address issues of consent?

A: Consent with this team often does not look like a consent form. We talk it through together, email, and review materials together. Consent is really woven into the project.

Q: Can providing honoraria for research participation be seen as coercive?

A: If we want to participate in the research but not in a given way, Sandrina works with us to find a different way to participate that works better and feels right. The door is always open. The honoraria also is not the main benefit of participation. Our main reasons for participating are for the relationships, gathering together, eating together, and sharing. Honoraria are just a bonus.

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- Beyond REB requirements for consent, stories, songs and other information shared are treated as sacred gifts, not just data.
- Stewarding data gifts in an ethical, consensual way requires the development and maintenance of a long-term reciprocal relationship that cannot be encased in a consent form. This relationship-building begins long before research does.
- Consent procedures can be diverse, e.g. verbal, written, ceremonial and cultural, land-based, online, sensitive to participants' ages, caregiver-based, Nation-based, organization-based, multi-media, arts-based.
- Participants choose if and how they wish to be featured in communications about the research, e.g. unnamed, code names, full use of names, presenting their own research, featured in resources.
- Consent is re-assessed regularly and for each research activity.

NEW ARTICLE

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Priorities for Gifts and Honoraria:

- Dignity: they are immediate and accessible
- Local and ethical sources

Consent issues that have been encountered

- Difficulty reaching Ministry of Children and Family Development social workers who gatekeep consent for children and youth
- Cash honoraria have been taken from participants by community or family members



INVINCIBLE is a project of Kinship Rising, led by a team of Indigenous youth in care.

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<https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/kinshiprising>

The INVINCIBLE youth researchers and Dr. Sandrina Carere (she/her) are part of the Youth Council at Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services. Dr. Sandrina Carere is a professor in the School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria (Lekwungen homelands), and is the academic lead for Kinship Rising and the INVINCIBLE project.