

APPENDIX L

Sample Script,

Hi, I'm XXXXX and thanks for taking part in this study.

Small Talk for a minute like: "You've got a great smile. "You are full of energy today, what a great way to be" etc.

Script: You are being asked to be answer some personal questions on this tablet. I will not see your question or answers. I do not even know what the questions are. One thing I do know is that scary things sometimes happen to people, and I do know that the first questions will be asking you if any of the scary things listed have ever happened to you. First, a question will pop up and ask you about anything bad or scary that may have happened to you anytime in the past no matter how long ago, or if something like that is happening to you now. There are 15 of these questions. You will simply answer yes or no on your tablet. As soon as you answer a question, that question and your answer will disappear. It will only be seen by one person, a statistician in Mexico City and he will not know your name, He will have only a number on your tablet. No one else will ever see your questions and answers and the statistician will never know who you are.

After answering these yes and no questions, you will be asked 20 more questions about any troubling things you may have experienced in the last two weeks. This time you will need to pick one of four answers that will be on your tablet.

If you never experienced it in the last two weeks, mark 0.

If you experience it once in a while during the last two weeks, mark 1.

If it happened about half of the time in the last two weeks mark 2.

If it happened almost always in the last two weeks, mark 3.

Then at the end of the end of these questions, you will be asked five more last questions. It will ask if things that happened to you may be affecting your life in some way. Mark yes or no to these 5 questions.

You can ask me questions for clarification if you like, or talk if you feel a need to. **Always know that whatever you talk about will be confidential**

Some examples some things you can say if a child does want to talk about a question: Remember not to ask more questions unless you suspect an immediate danger to self and others.

“I am so sorry that you went through that”, “Thank you for telling me about your experiences”.

“You are not alone; lots of kids have had experiences like these.”

“It’s normal to have some reactions after a scary experience.”

“Many people have reactions and then they get better over time” “If you ever feel that the problems are getting worse, maybe you could find someone you trust to talk to.”

“Young people often have feelings and worries like yours after going through something like this. These feelings and worries can be hard. “

“You say that you almost always have upsetting thoughts or pictures about what happened pop into your head. That often happens to people who have gone through scary things like that. Hopefully, those upsetting thoughts will go away soon. If they don’t, you might want to talk to somebody you trust about it”

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