

**FA Teen Google Hangouts Participation Registration Form  
(Sponsored by FARA Ambassador Program)**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (parent/legal guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like more information about FA teen Google Hangouts.

I'd like more information about the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance  
(FARA) ([www.curefa.org](http://www.curefa.org))

## Google Hangout Participation Consent Form

Please email Jean Walsh, LCSW (licensed certified social worker) and FARA Ambassador, prior to your child's participation in the FA Teen Hangouts to confirm your consent via this form and to have any questions answered at [jeantw62@gmail.com](mailto:jeantw62@gmail.com).

Thank you and the Ambassador Program looks forward to privilege of serving your family.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent of minor child

hereby give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Google Hangouts for FA Teens sponsored by the FARA Ambassador Program ([www.curefa.org/ambassadors](http://www.curefa.org/ambassadors)). (If you want to grant permission for more than one child, please fill out a form for each child.)

### Description of Services:

Google Hangouts are a free web-based video chat. Google limits each hangout to a maximum of ten participants.

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to offer teens with FA an opportunity to talk with one another, and, maybe, make friends. Because FA is a rare disease, teens may not have a peer to talk to nearby. Additionally, adolescence is a time when identifying with one's peers is very important. The hope is that we will support your teen by offering a way to connect in a structured and hopeful environment.

We will provide two hangouts/month: one for 13 to 15 year olds and one for 16 to 18 year olds. We will do our best to deliver enough hangouts to meet demand since each hangout is limited to 10 people. To help us put your teen in the correct age group, we need his/her birthday.

My child's birthday (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this hangout does not provide counseling, but is a structured place for my teen to talk about issues related to FA. Each hangout will be supervised by two adults with FA and simply be a facilitated discussion. Themes will vary from the deep (e.g. bullying) to the light (e.g. my favorite movie). Each hangout will begin with laying the ground rules including, but not limited to: no "bashing", bullying, or negative talk toward another participant; no talk about illegal activities; no giving medical advice; and honoring confidentiality (see below).

Parent/Guardian Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure: Teens will be notified of upcoming hangouts via the FARA Ambassador blog, social media, and upon parent request. Teens can register through email. Only teens who have a signed parent/legal guardian consent will be able to participate. Teens are free to come to one or all age appropriate FA teen hangouts. Participation in every hangout is not required. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis until the maximum capacity of ten has been reached.

I understand that while the facilitators will steer conversations away from inappropriate topics (e.g. sex, drinking {alcohol}, drugs {including medical marijuana}), facilitators *cannot control* what other participants say during the hangouts.

Parents/Guardian Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I further understand that while this is not a place for medical advice, other participants may know and talk about medical issues. As needed, the facilitators will ask participants to discuss medical concerns with their doctor and will re-iterate that the hangouts are not the place for medical information. I am aware that my child may be exposed to new medical information that could be upsetting.

Parents/Guardian Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Confidentiality:** I understand that in order to encourage children to participate actively, parents and outside observers will not be allowed to attend.

I understand that participation in the hangout is completely voluntary and all participants are asked to respect and maintain confidentiality.

I understand that the group facilitators have a legal and ethical responsibility to take appropriate action in the case of an individual intending to do harm to themselves or others, if abuse or neglect is suspected, or if illegal activity is reported.

This consent will remain in effect until said permission is revoked by the consenting parent. That request must be in writing and sent to Jean Walsh at [jeantw62@gmail.com](mailto:jeantw62@gmail.com).

**My signature below signifies that I have read, understand, and agree to the above:**

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**Parent's Signature Parent's, Name (Print), Date**  
**Forms can be emailed to [jeantw62@gmail.com](mailto:jeantw62@gmail.com)**