Guide to Participant Rights (Reference)

Regardless of the format of the data collection (survey, interview, or focus group), participants should be given some basic explanations before providing information. It is recommended that the following points are explained to participants:

The purpose of the survey is to gather more information that will help State and school programs improve services for migratory children and families.

Their participation is voluntary.

They may skip any question they do not want to answer.

Their responses will be confidential.

Their responses will be anonymous.

They are being asked for a certain amount of time (give an estimate) to provide information and their time is greatly appreciated.

It is best practice to obtain consent forms from all participants prior to data collection and keep these on file. Be sure to consult your SEA policies for conducting surveys.