

INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDY FOR RESEARCH

Community Corrections Fines & Fees Interview

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ABOUT THIS RESEARCH

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Scientists do research to answer important questions which might help change or improve the way we do things in the future.

This consent form will give you information about the study to help you decide whether you want to participate. Please read this form, and ask any questions you have, before agreeing to be in the study.

TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY IS VOLUNTARY

You may choose not to take part in the study or may choose to leave the study at any time. Deciding not to participate, or deciding to leave the study later, will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled and will not affect your relationship with your community supervision agency or Indiana University.

WHY IS THIS STUDY BEING DONE?

The purpose of this study is to explore how fines and fees may have impacted you while on community supervision. This interview will ask you questions about the fines and fees you were ordered to pay, how you paid your fines and fees, and how these fines and fees impacted your community supervision and overall daily life.

You were selected as a possible participant because you responded to our flyer and you:

- Are 18 years old or older
- Are currently on community supervision, or were released from community supervision within the last year
- Have been (or were) on community supervision for at least 6 months, and
- The agency which oversaw your community supervision is participating in the our study

The study is being conducted by Dr. Miriam Northcutt Bohmert in the Criminal Justice Department at Indiana University- Bloomington. It is funded by Arnold Ventures.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE STUDY?

If you agree to be in the study, you will do the following things:

You will be asked to complete a one-time interview that will take approximately 45 to 90 minutes. This interview will be audio-recorded. The interview will focus on your experiences on probation or community corrections, including any warnings and/or violations you received, fines and/or fees you had to pay, payments you made to the court, and supervision conditions. You will also be asked

questions about your background, employment, transportation availability, income, and monthly expenses.

You will also be asked if you would like to provide contact information for up to 3 family, friends, or significant others who supported you during community supervision. If you agree, we will contact those individuals to complete a separate interview.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN THE STUDY?

While participating in the study, the risks, side effects, and/or discomforts include:

This study is minimal risk. However, some questions could make you feel uncomfortable. You can skip any questions that you don't want to answer or stop the interview at any time. All research involves a potential for loss of confidentiality. A loss of confidentiality could have a negative impact on your reputation.

We don't expect you to receive any benefit from taking part in this study, but we hope to learn things that will help scientists in the future.

HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE PROTECTED?

Efforts will be made to keep your personal information confidential. We cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. Your personal information may be disclosed if required by law. No information which could identify you will be shared in publications about this study and in databased in which results may be stored. Audio recordings will be encrypted and accessible only by interviewers and transcribers. They will be destroyed after 2 years.

Organizations that may inspect and/or copy your research records for quality assurance and data analysis include groups such as the study investigator and his/her research associates, the Indiana University Institutional Review Board or its designees, and state or federal agencies who may need to access the research records (as allowed by law).

WILL I BE PAID FOR PARTICIPATION?

Yes, you will receive a \$50 gift card to your choice of Walmart or Amazon.

WHO SHOULD I CALL WITH QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

For questions about the study, contact the researcher, Dr. Miriam Northcutt Bohmert at 812-855-4285 or via email at mirnorth@indiana.edu. After business hours, please call Michelle Ying, Project Coordinator, at 812-727-4476.

For questions about your rights as a research participant, to discuss problems, complaints, or concerns about a research study, or to obtain information or to offer input, please contact the IU Human Subjects Office at 800-696-2949 or at irb@iu.edu.

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