

## **INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDY INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH**

### **Community Corrections Fines & Fees Interview**

**Insert Sponsor Name and Sponsor Protocol Number, if applicable**

#### **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 Indiana University.

#### **WHY IS THIS STUDY BEING DONE?**

The purpose of this study is to examine how fees and fines in community corrections impact current or former individuals on probation and community corrections across the United States. The purpose of this interview is to explore how fines and fees may have impacted someone you knew who is or was previously on community supervision. Questions will ask you how you assisted them while they were on community supervision.

You were selected as a possible participant because a person you know, or knew, identified you as someone who helped them while they were on community supervision

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 complete a one-time, 30-60 minute interview. Interviews will take place via telephone or internet calling software. This interview will be audio recorded. The interviewer will focus on your experiences assisting the person you knew, or know, while they were on community supervision. The interviewer will also ask you questions about this person's supervision and contributions/assistance you may have provided them during supervision.

#### **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 databases 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 \$25 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](mailto: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](mailto:irb@iu.edu).

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