

Title: Perspectives of Probationers, Parolees, and their Significant Others
Regarding the Impact of Fines and Fees in Community Corrections

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DETAILED RESEARCH CONSENT

You are being invited to take part in a research study. A person who takes part in a research study is called a research subject, or research participant.

What should I know about this research?

- Someone will explain this research to you.
- This form sums up that explanation.
- Taking part in this research is voluntary. Whether you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
- If you don't understand, ask questions.
- Ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

The purpose of this research is to examine how fines and fees impact an individual's familial and personal relationships and their ability to successfully complete community supervision. It seeks to understand how legal debts create barriers to relationships and community re-integration for people on probation or parole supervision.

About 100 subjects will take part in this research.

How long will I be in this research?

We expect that your taking part in this research will last 1-2 hours, for the duration of the interview.

What happens to me if I agree to take part in this research?

If you decide to take part in this research study, you will be asked to answer a series of questions in an interview. There will be no follow-ups or additional tasks. The interview is confidential and does not collect any personally identifying information about you.

What are my responsibilities if I take part in this research?

If you take part in this research, you will be responsible to inform the research team if you experience any substantial discomfort associated with your participation.

Could being in this research hurt me?

This study poses minimal risks to all participants. The likelihood of any harm or discomfort associated with this research are not anticipated to be greater than those ordinarily encountered in daily life.

Will being in this research benefit me?

While it is not expected that you will individually personally benefit from this research, possible general benefits include increased attention to and awareness of the challenges surrounding fines and fees in community corrections.

What happens to the information collected for this research?

This research is confidential: we will not collect any personally identifying information about you during the course of this interview. Your information will be shared with individuals and organizations that conduct or watch over this research, including: the Institutional Review Board (IRB) that reviewed this research; Drexel University and its affiliates; the research sponsor: Arnold Ventures; and people who work with the research sponsor. We protect your information from disclosure to others to the extent required by law. We cannot promise complete secrecy.

Responses to interview questions will be stored securely by research team members in a password-protected folder. We may publish the results of this research in reports or peer-reviewed outlets, but your name will not be collected nor tied to your responses.

Who can answer my questions about this research?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think this research has hurt you or made you sick, talk to the research team at the phone number listed above on the first page.

This research is being overseen by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). An IRB is a group of people who perform independent review of research studies. You may talk to them at (267) 359-2471 or HRPP@drexel.edu if:

- You have questions, concerns, or complaints that are not being answered by the research team.
- You are not getting answers from the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone else about the research.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.

Can I be removed from this research without my approval?

No. You may choose to withdraw yourself from the study at any point during the interview if you do not wish to continue.



What happens if I agree to be in this research, but I change my mind later?

You may voluntarily remove yourself from this research at any point, even if the interview has already started. If you choose, you may stop answering questions at any point. There are no expected adverse consequences.

Will I be paid for taking part in this research?

For taking part in this research, you will receive a \$50 VISA gift card by mail after the conclusion of the interview. You will be paid this amount even if you decide to stop the interview after it has started. Your contact information will be stored separately from your data. It will not be linked in any way to your interview responses, and your identifying information will be destroyed within 1 year of study completion.

Federal tax law requires to you to report this payment as income to the Internal Revenue Service if you are compensated more than \$599.00 (in total) this year for participating in research. You may be asked to tell us your social security number or other identifying information (e.g., full name). If payments for this study are more than \$599.00, we will report them to the Internal Revenue Service and send you a Form 1099-MISC.”

This information will not be associated with the information or data you provide for this research. It will be stored separately from your data, it will not be linked in any way, and your identifying information will be destroyed within 1 year of study completion.”

If you do not give us your social security number or other identifying information you may take part in this research if you agree to not be paid.