



Informed Consent to Participate in Research Involving Minimal Risk

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- 1. Participation is completely voluntary;**
- 2. The study team will not share any of the participant’s study responses with anyone outside of the study team;**
- 3. The study team will not share any of the participant’s study responses with anyone in the facility;**
- 4. Participation in the study will not affect the participant’s case or disposition.**

You are being asked to take part in a research study. Research studies include only people who agree to take part. This form is called an informed consent form. Please read it. Take your time making your decision. Ask the USF research team to go over this consent form with you. You can ask them to explain any words you do not understand. More information about the study is listed below.

We are asking you to take part in a research study called:

Assessment of risk and mental health in adult jail inmates

The Principal Investigator for this study is Dr. Edelyn Verona. Dr. Bryanna Fox is a Co-Investigator. These individuals are in charge of the study. However, other individuals may be involved.

The research will be conducted at the Pasco County Jail.

Purpose of the study

The University of South Florida (USF) and Pasco County Sheriff’s Office are working together to improve how the jail works. As part of this, USF team members will be talking to inmates. The team members will be asking inmates to do interviews or complete forms. This consent form asks if we can use what you tell us for research. We want to see if personality or mental health relate to the risk of returning to jail or getting in trouble in jail.

Why are you being asked to take part?

We are asking you to take part in this research study because you are an inmate at the Pasco County Jail. The results from this research may help improve the jail. It can help us understand the needs and common problems inmates have. We want as many people as possible participate so that our information is accurate.

Study Procedures:

We would like to use what you say in a research study. No one will know that you provided this information. You are also being asked permission for us to use information in your jail files. The files we review do NOT contain any medical or health history. The only thing you are asked to do is to say Social Behavioral

yes or no to this request. We will only write results about the whole group of people (not any one person). We will not use any names or other identifying information.

Total Number of Participants

About 700 people will take part in this study at the Pasco County Jail for the next few years.

Alternatives / Voluntary Participation / Withdrawal

You should only take part in this study if you want to. You should not feel that there is any pressure to take part in the study. You are free to say no at any time. You do not have to let us use your information if you do not want to. Letting us use your information is up to you. It is also okay to change your mind later on. Nothing bad will happen if you say “no.” It will not affect your time at the Pasco County Jail. Being in this study will not shorten your jail time. **Your decision to participate or not will not affect your status with the jail system or the courts. No one outside of the USF team will know if you agreed to the research or not.**

Benefits

You will receive no direct benefits by being in this research study.

Risks or Discomfort

This research is considered to be low risk. That means that the risks involved in this study are the same as what you face every day. There are times when we will have to tell someone things that you told us. We have to tell authorities if you tell us that a child, elderly person, or person with disabilities is being abused. We would also need to tell someone if you say that you will hurt yourself or others. We also need to tell someone if you tell us about a sexual assault that happened in the jail (to yourself or somebody else).

There are no more known risks to those who take part in this study. As a part of the process, you may be asked questions that are personal. However, this information will be collected anyway and is not affected by your decision to help with our research.

Compensation

You will receive no payment of any kind for taking part in this study.

Costs

It will not cost you anything to take part in the study.

Privacy and Confidentiality

When we look at your information for the research, we will replace your name with an ID number. This ID number can only be connected to your personal information by us later. No one else can connect your information with your ID number. There are times when we may have to tell authorities what you said. We have to tell authorities if you tell us that a child, elderly person, or person with disabilities is being abused. We also need to tell someone if you say that you will harm yourself or

others. We also need to tell someone if you tell us about a sexual assault that happened in the jail (to yourself or somebody else).

Beyond those cases, only the following individuals will have access to your data:

The USF team. This includes the people who asked you to consent to use your data. It also includes those people who asked you questions in the interviews. All of these persons also combine the information from all participants into one database.

Certain government and university people who need to know more about the study and who make sure we are doing the study in the right way.

The USF Institutional Review Board (IRB) who supervises this study, including staff in USF Research Integrity and Compliance.

We may publish what we learn from this study. If we do, we will not include your name. We will not publish anything that would let people know who you are.

To help us protect your privacy, we have been granted a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This certificate allows us to resist any attempts by lawyers or judges to identify you. We cannot be forced to give over any information or data about you, even by a court subpoena. You can still choose to release information about yourself if you want to do that. As mentioned already, the only time we would have to tell someone about what you say is if a child, elderly, or disabled person is being abused, you tell us about a rape or sexual assault that occurred in the jail, or you are going to hurt yourself or others. We will only inform someone if there is immediate danger to you or another person.

You can get answers to your questions, concerns, or complaints.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this study, or experience any problems, contact Dr. Edelyn Verona (everona@usf.edu) or Dr. Bryanna Fox (bhfox@usf.edu), the Investigators of this study.

If you have questions about your rights in this study or have issues you want to discuss with someone outside the research study, call the USF IRB at (813) 974-5638 or contact by email at RSCH-IRB@usf.edu.

Consent to Take Part in this Research Study

Please check a box:

I allow the USF team to use my information from the interview, survey forms, and criminal records for research purposes.

Yes

No

I freely give my consent to take part in this study. I understand that by signing this form I am agreeing to take part in research. I have received a copy of this form to take with me.

Signature of Person Taking Part in Study

Date

Printed Name of Person Taking Part in Study

Statement of Person Obtaining Informed Consent

I have carefully explained to the person taking part in the study what he or she can expect from their participation. I confirm that this research subject speaks the language that was used to explain this research and is receiving an informed consent form in their primary language. This research subject has provided legally effective informed consent.

Signature of Person obtaining Informed Consent

Date

Printed Name of Person Obtaining Informed Consent

