

INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Study Title: Emergent Voices: Reintegration and Desistance from the Perspectives of Formerly Criminal Justice-Involved Individuals

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You are invited to be part of a research study. The researcher is a doctoral learner at Capella University in the School of Public Service Leadership. The information in this form is provided to help you decide if you want to participate. The form describes what you will do during the study and the risks and benefits of the study.

If you have any questions or do not understand something in this form, you should ask the researcher. Do not agree to participate in the study unless the researcher has answered your questions and you decide that you want to be part of this study.

WHAT IS THIS STUDY ABOUT?

- The researcher wants to find out what people think about ex-offender reintegration.
- The researcher also wants to evaluate how people perceive their reintegration experience.

WHY AM I BEING ASKED TO BE IN THE STUDY?

- You are invited to be in the study because you are:
- You must be between the ages of 25 and 64
- You must be a former inmate in a Michigan jail or prison
- Your most recent release date was on or prior to January 1, 2009
- You must live in the metropolitan Detroit, Michigan area. The Metropolitan Detroit Area includes Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties.

You May Qualify for the Study if:

- You were once incarcerated in a State of Michigan Prison or jail;
- Your most recent release date was on or before of January 1, 2009'
- You are 25 to 64 years of age;
- You have not received any offenses, nor incarcerations, after your most recent release date.
- You live in the Detroit Metropolitan Area which includes Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Saint Clair, and Wayne counties.

You Do Not Qualify for the Study if:

- Your most recent release date occurred after January 1, 2009;
- You are currently under court supervision including probation, parole, or monitoring as a condition of parole;
- Your most recent incarceration was for a juvenile offense;
- You are a parolees who is detained in a treatment center as a condition of parole or if you are a prisoner;
- You are detained in a residential facility for court-ordered substance abuse treatment as a term of sentencing or alternative to incarceration as a prisoner.
- You are age 24 years or under;
- You are age 65 year old or older;
- You are currently under the care of a mental health professional including a therapist, psychiatrist, or psychologist;
- You are incarcerated'
- You are experiencing diminished capacity;
- You are mentally or physically challenged;
- You were incarcerated in any state other than the state of Michigan.
- You are currently residing outside of the Detroit Metropolitan Area, which includes Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE IN THIS STUDY?

About 15 to 20 participants will be in this study.

WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS STUDY?

The researcher is not receiving funds to conduct this study.

WILL IT COST ANYTHING TO BE IN THIS STUDY?

You do not have to pay to be in the study.

HOW LONG WILL I BE IN THE STUDY?

If you decide to be in this study, your participation will last about 2 hours and 15 minutes, including the time it takes for this online survey. If you decide to participate in an interview regarding the research findings, the time involved will be about 1 hour.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THIS STUDY?

If you decide to be in this study and if you sign this form, you will do the following things:

- If you want to participate in the study, you will call the researcher at 1-888-486-4133 or email Lv553@CapellaUniversity.edu. At that time the researcher will issue you a 5-digit Participant Code and give you the website address to take the survey. You will enter the Participant Code in the survey.
- You will read, and decide if you agree to the terms of, the Informed Consent form. If you disagree, you can exit the survey. If you agree, you can complete the survey. In the survey, you will provide demographic background information about yourself such as age, gender, marital status, education level, employment status, prior incarcerations, zip code, education level, source of income, length of time since last release, number of incarcerations, information about juvenile offenses, and current release status.
- Answer questions during an interview about 1) What was happening in your life at the time you went to prison? 2) Now that you are out of prison, what has your life been like since you have been out of prison? 3) What do you see as some of the positive things in your life now, compared to before when you went to prison; 4) What advice do you

have for others who are coming out of prison? 5) What kind of mistakes do you think the prison system makes that leads people back into prison? 6) Have you acquired any skills, talents or abilities since getting out? 7) What are your current long-term goals?

- You will be offered the opportunity to comment on the study results.

While you are in the study, you will be expected to:

- Follow the instructions you are given.
- Tell the researcher if you want to stop being in the study at any time.

WILL I BE RECORDED?

The researcher will audiotape your interview. The researcher will use the audiotape in order to ensure accuracy of the notes she will take during the interview.

The researcher will only use the recordings of you for the purposes you read about in this form. They will not use the recordings for any other reasons without your permission unless you sign another consent form. The recordings will be kept for seven years and they will be kept confidential. The recordings will be destroyed after seven years.

WILL BEING IN THIS STUDY HELP ME?

Being in this study will not help you. Information from this study might help researchers help others in the future.

ARE THERE RISKS TO ME IF I AM IN THIS STUDY?

No study is completely risk-free. However, we don't anticipate that you will be harmed or distressed during this study. You may stop being in the study at any time if you become uncomfortable.

WILL I GET PAID?

You will not receive anything for being in the study.

DO I HAVE TO BE IN THIS STUDY?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You can decide not to be in the study and you can change your mind about being in the study at any time. There will be no penalty to you. If you want to stop being in the study, tell the researcher.

The researcher can remove you from the study at any time. This could happen if:

- The researcher believes it is best for you to stop being in the study.
- You do not follow directions about the study.
- You no longer meet the inclusion criteria to participate.

WHO WILL USE AND SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT MY BEING IN THIS STUDY?

Any information you provide in this study that could identify you; such as your name, age, or other personal information will be kept confidential. In any written reports or publications, no one will be able to identify you. The researcher will keep the information you provide in a PASSWORD PROTECTED COMPUTER AND/OR A LOCKED FILE CABINET in GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN and only the researcher, researcher's supervisor, and dissertation committee will have access to the study data. Additionally, Capella University's Internal Review Board (IRB), the Research Compliance Committee (RCC), or its designee(s) may review your research records.

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The audio recordings made during your interview will be used by the researcher. Capella University's IRB, the Research Compliance Committee (RCC), or its designees may review your research records.

Even if you leave the study early, the researcher may still be able to use your data consistent with the study purpose and procedures.

LIMITS OF PRIVACY (CONFIDENTIALITY)

Generally speaking, the researcher can assure you that she/he will keep everything you tell him/her or do for the study private. Yet there are times where the researcher cannot keep things private (confidential). The researcher cannot keep things private (confidential) when:

- The researcher finds out that a child or vulnerable adult has been abused
- The researcher finds out that that a person plans to hurt him or herself, such as commit suicide.

- The researcher finds out that a person plans to hurt someone else,

There are laws that require many professionals to take action if they think a person might harm themselves or another, or if a child or adult is being abused. In addition, there are guidelines that researchers must follow to make sure all people are treated with respect and kept safe. In most states, there is a government agency that must be told if someone is being abused or plans to hurt themselves or another person. Please ask any questions you may have about this issue before agreeing to be in the study. It is important that you do not feel betrayed if it turns out that the researcher cannot keep some things private.

WHO CAN I TALK TO ABOUT THIS STUDY?

You can ask questions about the study at any time. You can call the researcher if you have any concerns or complaints. You should call the researcher at the phone number listed on page 1 of this form if you have questions about the study procedures, study costs (if any), study payments (if any), or if you get hurt or sick during the study.

Capella University's Institutional Review Board (IRB) has been established to protect the rights and welfare of human research participants. Please contact us at 1-888-227-3552, extension 6314, for any of the following reasons:

- You have questions about your rights as a research participant.
- You wish to discuss problems or concerns.
- You have suggestions to improve the participant experience.
- You do not feel comfortable talking with the researcher.

You may contact the IRB without giving us your name. We may need to reveal information you provide in order to follow up if you report a problem or concern.

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