UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Informed Consent to Participate in Research
Information to Consider Before Taking Part in this Research Study

IRB Study # 00001728

You are being asked to take part in a research study. Research studies include only people who choose to take part. This document is called an informed consent form. Please read this information carefully and take your time making your decision. Ask the researcher or study staff to discuss this consent form with you, please ask him/her to explain any words or information you do not clearly understand. We encourage you to talk with your family and friends before you decide to take part in this research study. The nature of the study, risks, inconveniences, discomforts, and other important information about the study are listed below.

We are asking you to take part in a research study called:
The Needs of Women in Batterer Intervention Programs

The person who is in charge of this research study is Martha Coulter, DrPH**.** This person is called the Principal Investigator. However, other research staff may be involved and can act on behalf of the person in charge. Other research personnel who you may be involved with include: Carla VandeWeerd, PhD, Sarah Desmarais, PhD, Cara de la Cruz, MPH, Aimee Eden, MA, Mary Ivory, Melissa Tirotti, or Mimi Ghosh.

The research will be conducted at the offices Psychological Management Group, Joni Stewart & Associates, or other public locations of your choice.

Purpose of the study

The purpose of this study is to:

- Find out what women need in batterer intervention programs.

Study Procedures

Because you attend a batterer intervention program or are a facilitator of a batterer intervention program, you are being asked to be part of this study. If you take part in this study, you will be asked to:

- Take part in an in-person interview for one time only. The interview will be tape-recorded. No identifying information will be on the digital tape. Tapes will be password-protected, and only study staff will have access to it. Tapes will be permanently erased after the study has ended in approximately two years from now.

- Take part in completing paper questionnaires.
- Your participation in this study will last for one and a half to two hours. Interviews will take place at the site of your program, or in a public place of your choosing.

Total Number of Participants

About 44 individuals will take part in this study at USF.

Alternatives

You do not have to participate in this research study.

Benefits

We are unsure if you will receive any benefits by taking part in this research study. You will have the opportunity to provide feedback about your experience in the batterer intervention program, and help to improve future programs.

Risks or Discomfort

This research is considered to be minimal risk. That means that the risks associated with this study are the same as what you face every day. There are no known additional risks to those who take part in this study. However, some of the questions might make you feel uncomfortable or emotional. If you need to stop the interview at any time, please let us know.

Compensation

You will receive a $50 gift card to Walmart for your participation.

Cost

There will be no additional costs to you as a result of being in this study.

Privacy and Confidentiality

We will keep your study records private and confidential. Certain people may need to see your study records. By law, anyone who looks at your records must keep them completely confidential. The only people who will be allowed to see these records are:

- The research team, including the Principal Investigator, study coordinator, and all other research staff**.**
- Certain government and university people who need to know more about the study. For example, individuals who provide oversight on this study may need to look at your records. This is done to make sure that we are doing the study in the right way. They also need to make sure that we are protecting your rights and your safety.
- Any agency of the federal, state, or local government that regulates this research. This includes the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Office for Human Research Protection (OHRP).
- The USF Institutional Review Board (IRB) and its related staff who have oversight responsibilities for this study, staff in the USF Office of Research and Innovation, USF

Division of Research Integrity and Compliance, and other USF offices who oversee this research.

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.

Voluntary Participation / Withdrawal

You should only take part in this study if you want to volunteer. You should not feel that there is any pressure to take part in the study. You are free to participate in this research or withdraw at any time. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits you are entitled to receive if you stop taking part in this study.

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

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this study, or experience an adverse event or unanticipated problem, call Dr. Martha Coulter at 813-974-7829.

If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, general questions, or have complaints, concerns or issues you want to discuss with someone outside the research, call the USF IRB at (813) 974-5638.

Consent to Take Part in this Research Study

It is up to you to decide whether you want to take part in this study. If you want to take part, please indicate to the researcher that you freely give your consent to take part in this study. You may have a copy of this form to take with you.

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 hereby certify that when this person gives their verbal consent, to the best of my knowledge, he/she understands:

- What the study is about;
- What the potential benefits might be; and
- What the known risks might be.

I can confirm that this research subject speaks the language that was used to explain this research and is receiving an informed consent form in the appropriate language. Additionally, this subject reads well enough to understand this document or, if not, this person is able to hear and understand when the form is read to him or her. This subject does not have a medical/psychological problem that would compromise comprehension and therefore makes it hard to understand what is being explained and can, therefore, give legally effective informed consent.

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Signature of Person Obtaining Informed Consent / Research Authorization Date

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Printed Name of Person Obtaining Informed Consent / Research Authorization