

Information Sheet

Crisis Residential Center's Direction Program Evaluation 2006-2008

Financial Grant Years

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Introduction

We invite your child to participate in a one-on-one in-depth interview regarding their participation in the Crisis Residential Center's (CRC) Directions Program. Your child was selected because they participated in the Directions Program between 2006 and 2008. If you allow your child to participate, a researcher will contact them to set up a time to come to the CRC for the interview. Participation in this interview is voluntary for your child.

Purpose and Benefits

The purpose of this study is to determine how effective the CRC's Directions Program is in assisting clients and their families. The results will be used to help the CRC know if changes need to be made to the Directions Program. Future clients will benefit from this project because they will be provided services that are more effective. The benefit to your child is the knowledge that their participation will help improve the CRC's Directions Program.

Procedures

If you and your child decide to participate, we will interview your child one-on-one for 20-30 minutes. The questions will cover topics such as the child's experience at the CRC, their perception regarding the interventions used, and how the CRC impacted their lives in areas such as their relationship with their families. Examples of questions include; "What was your family like before the CRC?", "What brought you into the CRC?", "Has your life changed since you left the CRC? How?" and "Has your family changed since you left the CRC? How?" Washington State law provides that private conversations may not be recorded, intercepted, or divulged without permission of the individual(s) involved. With your permission, the researchers will use an audio device to record the interview. Your child is free to not answer any question they don't want to and may withdraw from participation at any time without any impact on current or future services with the CRC or Eastern Washington University (EWU).

Risk, Stress or Discomfort


There is a possibility that answering the questions might cause some discomfort and/or sadness. The participants will be provided information about First Call for Help to help them deal with any issues that might arise as a result of the interview. In addition, there is a risk of possible violation to you and your child's privacy. While none of the researchers can absolutely guarantee privacy, the following steps will be taken to reduce the risk:

1. The information gathered will be available only to the researchers, management at the CRC, and the research supervisor at Eastern Washington University, Dr. Kim Stansbury
2. The audiotapes will be kept in a locked cabinet at the CRC
3. The final paper will not include any information that can be traced back to a particular participant
4. The data will be permanently destroyed by April 30, 2012

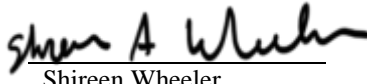
Other Information

In the distribution process that includes a final report to YFA Connections, the EWU School of Social Work, possible presentations and manuscripts, your information will be de-identified (not disclosing your identify) and presented in a collective format and pseudonyms (fictitious initials) will be used to protect your identity. Excerpts from your interviews can potentially be used in the distribution process; however, factitious initials will be used to protect your identity.

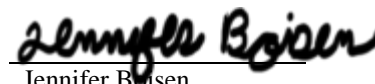
The information gathered will be kept strictly confidential. As previously mentioned participation is completely voluntary and the participants can withdraw at any time without penalty. The youth who participate in the interviews will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift card regardless if they complete the interview or not. If you have any questions regarding this study you can contact Jacob Campbell at (509) 628-2868 or Dr. Kim Stansbury, responsible research investigator, by email at kim_stansbury@yahoo.com. If you have any concerns about your rights as a participant in this research or any complaints you wish to make, you may contact Ruth Galm, Human Protections Administrator (509-359-7971/6567), rgalm@ewu.edu.



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