

Title of Research Study: Exploration of Co-occurring Issues among Clients with Problematic Sexual Behaviors

You are invited to participate in a research study. This study looks at patterns of co-occurring issues among people who are in specialized treatment (any phase). The study is being conducted by Dr. Brenda Frye, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and collaborators, Dr. Evelyn Higgins and Jacqueline Hall at Wired for Addiction, Dr. David Landry with Caring Therapists of Broward County, Dr. Michelle Johnston, Faculty at Gustavus Adolphus and Mary Oanes, Hennepin County Social Worker. This information is provided to you because you are part of a specialized treatment program.

Supported By: This research is done through Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. We hope to increase our knowledge of the problems that people who are in specialized treatment may have. There is no funding for this program of research. This project is designed to inform additional phases that will seek funding.

KEY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS RESEARCH STUDY

The following is a short summary to help you decide whether to be a part of this research study. Listed later is more detailed information.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS DATA COLLECTION?

The purpose is to gather information about problems that are common with clients who are in specialized treatment. This can include sexual addiction, hypersexuality, compulsive sexual behavior, and paraphilias. Information such as attitudes, coping strategies, and substance abuse. Additionally, questions about related mental health problems, employment, education, and legal status. We hope to understand the complexities of problems that clients experience when they engage in problematic sexual behaviors. Our goal is to develop more effective treatment that addresses factors contributing to acting out sexually.

WHAT WILL YOU BE ASKED TO DO?

You will be asked to complete an online survey in Qualtrics. First, you will provide your informed consent by clicking “AGREE” at the bottom of this form. Next, you will answer questions about related many types of problems you may have experienced. A flyer will provide information for you that will with a link to respond to these questions digitally. You will not be asked to take part in any treatments or procedures. You will respond to these questions at any time during your treatment one time only.

VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE STUDY

Participation is voluntary. You can withdraw your consent to participate in the assessment at any time. Your involvement in the treatment program will not be affected. If you choose to participate, your privacy will be protected. We will not ask for any identifying information. We will not use your name in any report or publication. Personal responses will not be made public. Your information will be secured. We will not ask for any personal information therefore; the



assessment will remain anonymous. We may share anonymous, aggregate data that you have provided with our research partners. They will protect your privacy. If you participate, you will be placed in a lottery drawing to potentially win a \$25 gift card.

CONFIDENTIALITY

To participate in the raffle, you will go to a second survey. There will be a place to enter your email. Privacy will be maintained by never linking these two surveys. Your name will not be collected, and your email will be kept separately from the data.

ARE THERE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

There are no conditions that would keep you from taking part in this study.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS?

There are no known risks to your health or mental health-related to these questionnaires. It is possible that the questions will cause you some emotional discomfort. They might cause you to remember times when you were unhappy or under stress. You can talk about this discomfort with your counselor. Also, some people may be uncomfortable talking about confidential information. Because of the steps we have taken to protect your privacy, the risk of unauthorized disclosure is minimal.

Your sharing or non-sharing will not be reported to the parole board or court. This will not affect your parole or status or your status in your treatment programming. We will not even have your name or any other way to identify you.

WILL YOU BENEFIT FROM TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

Some people find it helpful to be asked about their lives and their mental health because it helps them see things differently. These questions might help you see a need for change, and this can be a benefit. However, there are no direct benefits to you for taking part in this study.

DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

If you decide to participate in this study, it should be because you want to volunteer. You will not lose any benefits or rights you would normally have if you chose not to volunteer. You can stop at any time during the study and still be in good standing with your treatment program.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE STUDY, ARE THERE OTHER CHOICES?

If you do not want to take part in the study, there are no other choices except to not take part in the study.

WHAT WILL IT COST YOU TO TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

There is no cost for participation, it is a one-time survey.

WHO WILL SEE THE INFORMATION THAT YOU GIVE?



We have taken steps to protect your privacy. The risk of unauthorized disclosure of questionnaire information is minimal. Your information will be combined with information from other people taking part in the study. When we write about the study to share it with other researchers, we will write about the combined information. You will not be identified in these written materials. We may publish the results of this study; however, there will be no identifying information included.

We cannot promise complete confidentiality. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the Institutional Review Board (IRB). The regulatory and oversight committee monitors and ensures compliance.

WHAT IS RESEARCH?

Research aims to learn new things to help people in the future. Investigators learn things by following the same plan with several participants. They do not usually make changes to the plan for individual research participants. You, as an individual, may or may not be helped by volunteering for a research study.

WHY AM I BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY?

We are asking you to take part in this study because you are a participant in a specialized treatment program.

If you have any questions and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher, contact the following people:

By clicking 'Agree' you have read and understand the Informed Consent.
You are at least 18 years of age, and you want to participate in this study.