

We are asking you to be in a non-experimental research survey sponsored by Transformative Education Collective, LLC. A social enterprise that open sources information gathered to further the positive impact of the intersection of education and justice. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether or not to be in the survey. Please read the form carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what we would ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When all your questions have been answered, you can decide if you want to be in the study or not. This process is called ‘informed consent’ in accordance with (45 CFR 46.116).

PURPOSE

This survey’s purpose is to gather pragmatic policy action data to assist Higher Education in Prison programs to understand the unique needs of educational staff in a complex carceral setting. The questions request no personally identifying information beyond gender, state, and level of education and employment demographics.

BENEFITS

The results of this survey will directly assist Higher Education in Prison (and jail or community correction facilities) to understand the unique needs of their staff to better offer professional development and training. Overall, the benefit of this survey enhances the effectiveness of systems and organizations to serve individuals who are doing important transformational work in social and educational justice fields. To serve the field of HEP as a whole, the results will be open sourced, in addition to the survey framework.

PROCEDURES

This survey will be available as an open educational resource to programs in perpetuity. The data collected will be housed by Transformative Education Collective and reported in aggregate to ensure privacy of respondents and cohesiveness of the data.

RISKS, STRESS, OR DISCOMFORT

There are minimal levels of risk associated with the survey. Personal privacy is maintained by not collecting personal information at all.

OTHER INFORMATION

Data will only be reported in aggregate (i.e. all together), to protect any possible identification of individuals or programs.

PARTICIPATION

Participation in research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw from participation at any time without jeopardizing your employment, student status or any other entitlements. The investigator may withdraw you at his/her professional discretion.

ALTERNATIVES TO PARTICIPATION

Generally, there are no alternatives to participation in social and behavioral sciences research other than choosing not to participate.

PRIVATE INFORMATION

Any information derived from this research project that personally identifies you will not be voluntarily released or disclosed without your separate consent, except as specifically required by law.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If at any time you have questions regarding the research or your participation, you should contact the investigator, Peter Fulks and Alec Griffin, who will answer all questions. Their telephone number is (661) 203-9200. You should also contact the investigator or a member of the research staff if you have any concerns or complaints about the research.

PARTICIPANT’S STATEMENT

I have read the above purpose of the study, and understand my role in participating in the survey. I volunteer to take part in this research. I have had a chance to ask questions. If I have questions later, about the research, I can ask the investigator listed above. I understand that I may refuse to participate or withdraw from participation at any time without jeopardizing my employment, student status or other rights to which I am entitled. The investigator may withdraw me at his/her professional discretion. If I have questions about my rights as a research participant, I can call the principal investigator office at (661) 203-9200. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and freely give my consent to participate in this study. I will receive a copy of this document for my records.