

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
CONSENT LETTER
Latinos in Georgia

My name is Fernando Clark, and I am a doctoral student in the Sociology Department at the University of Georgia under the supervision of Dr. Thomas McNulty. I am inviting you to take part in a research study. I am currently recording. Please interrupt me if you have any questions.

Purpose of Study

I am doing research on how Latinos go through daily life with a criminal record in Georgia. The purpose of this research is to understand how Latinos in Georgia with a criminal record meet their needs daily. My research questions are 1) What resources do they need? And 2) Where do they turn to for resources?

Requirement to Participate

Participants must identify as Latino/a, be over the age of 18, and have an adult criminal record, and live in Georgia.

Procedures

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to partake in five recorded interviews. The first interview will take 30-45 minutes. The second interview will take 1.5 – 2 hours. The third to fifth interviews will be follow up interviews and will take approximately 30 minutes each. The locations will be agreed upon by me and you.

I will also ask you if you would allow me to accompany you when you are seeking resources or doing other activities that are related to life after having a criminal record. You can decline this part of the study and continue to participate in the interviews.

Participation in the study is voluntary. You can refuse to take part or stop at any time without penalty. The decision to refuse or withdraw will not affect any benefits you are otherwise entitled to or other activities that are otherwise conducted. Your decision to participate will have no impact in your participation in any programs or probation.

Risk, Discomfort, and Benefits

There are questions that may make you uncomfortable. You may skip these questions if you do not wish to answer them. If the conversation become emotionally strenuous, we can take a break, or you may elect to exit the study entirely. Someone can also find out that you are in this study, which may inform them that you have a criminal record. To help reduce risk, you can find all the information for this study at fernandoclark.com so you do not have to carry documents connecting you to this study.

Your responses may help us understand how Latinos in Georgia access resources after obtaining a criminal record and where do they turn to for resources. The results of this study can help non-profit organizations better help Latinos in Georgia after getting a criminal record.

You will receive a \$20 gift card for participation in this first interview and a \$50 gift card for the second interview. I will be covering a meal for the last three interviews. If you do not wish to have a meal covered, you will receive a \$20 gift card. You will be given your gift card at end of the interview. You may choose to stop participating in the study activities at any time without losing your incentive.

Confidentiality

Research records will be labeled with study IDs that are linked to you by a separate list that includes your name and contact information. Any notes, recordings, or transcriptions will be kept secure. The files will be encrypted and password protected. In any write ups, I will use a pseudonym. You can decide your alternative name. The list linking the study ID and your name and contact information will be destroyed once we have finished collecting information from all participants. We may continue to use the de-identified transcripts and may share them with other researchers for future studies. Do you consent in recording our discussions?

If you have questions

If you have questions about this research, please feel free to contact me at 713-501-9148, fernando.clark@uga.edu. If you have any complaints or questions about your rights as a research volunteer, contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 706-542-3199 or by email at IRB@uga.edu.

Please keep this form for your records or retrieve it from fernando.clark.com/latinosinGA