

Online Consent to Participate in Research

Would you like to be involved in research at the University of Oklahoma?

I am Bryce Lowery from the University of Oklahoma and I invite you to participate in a research project entitled Understanding Housing Security and Homelessness in Oklahoma: identifying gaps and assets for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME American Rescue Plan. This research is being conducted at the University of Oklahoma and at sites in each of the Continuums of Care in Oklahoma. You were selected as a possible participant because you provide services directly or indirectly to homeless individuals and families, those at risk for becoming homeless, or populations that experience enhanced risk for homelessness due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate in this study.

Please read this document and contact me to ask any questions that you may have BEFORE agreeing to take part in my research.

What is the purpose of this research? The purpose of this research is to identify existing assets and gaps available to individuals and families in Oklahoma who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development plans to release funding as part of the American Rescue Plan to states like Oklahoma following completion of this assessment.

How many participants will be in this research? About 1000 people will take part in this research.

What will I be asked to do? If you agree to be in this research, you will complete a survey about your experience working with homeless individuals in Oklahoma.

How long will this take? Your participation will take approximately 30 – 45 minutes.

What are the risks and/or benefits if I participate? There are minimal risks to participating in this research. If you choose to provide your contact information at the end of the survey for purposes of the drawing or to be informed about upcoming focus groups, your survey is not anonymous. Should the information be obtained through illegal activities, others not part of the research team would could obtain the information you provide. We are using Qualtrics, a system licensed by corporations and universities to conduct this type of survey research. Once submitted, data will be cleaned to remove identifying information from responses and contact information will be destroyed after the drawing. There are no benefits from being in this research.

You are free to stop completing this survey at any time by closing out your browser window.

Will I be compensated for participating? You will not be reimbursed for your time and participation in this research. However, you will be given the opportunity to provide your contact information to be entered into a drawing to win one of two \$250 gift cards.

Who will see my information? In research reports, there will be no information that will make it possible to identify you. Research records will be stored securely, and only approved researchers and the OU Institutional Review Board will have access to the records.

Data are collected via an online platform not hosted by OU that has its own privacy and security policies for keeping your information confidential. Please note no assurance can be made as to the use of the data you provide for purposes other than this research.

What will happen to my data in the future?



After removing all identifying information, we might share your data with other researchers or use it in future research without obtaining additional consent from you.

Do I have to participate? No. If you do not participate, you will not be penalized or lose benefits or services unrelated to the research. If you decide to participate, you don't have to answer any question and can stop participating at any time by closing your browser.

Who do I contact with questions, concerns or complaints? If you have questions, concerns or complaints about the research or have experienced a research-related injury, contact a member of the faculty associated with this project at:

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You can also contact the University of Oklahoma – Norman Campus Institutional Review Board (OU-NC IRB) at 405-325-8110 or irb@ou.edu if you have questions about your rights as a research participant, concerns, or complaints about the research and wish to talk to someone other than the researcher(s) or if you cannot reach the researcher(s).

Please print this document for your records. By providing information to the researcher(s), I am agreeing to participate in this research.

- I agree to participate (click should connect to survey)
- I do not want to participate (click should connect to a Thank You for considering page)

This research has been approved by the University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus IRB.

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