

APPENDIX D

Email/Telephone Solicitation Consent

Hello, my name is Launia Juerrier-Best, LCSW. I am a doctoral student from Argosy University's college of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences. I am emailing or calling to invite you to participate in a research study about: Mental health professionals' perceptions of working with survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Your choice to participate in this study is completely voluntary. Any information you provide will be kept confidential and kept in a locked cabinet for a minimum of 5 years but no more than 7 years. This dissertation IRB assigned number is P13-045.

Background Information: The purpose of this qualitative methods study is to explore the lived experiences of mental health professionals' in counseling survivors of childhood sexual abuse (CSA) in their natural setting. Researcher wants to obtain mental health professionals' perceptions, influences, process and the impact it has on the counselors working with adult survivors of CSA. You will be asked to participate in a videotaped focus group or individual face-to-face interviews at a location of your own chose and later to be transcribed. After completion of focus groups and individual face-to-face interviews, emails will be sent to participants summarizing the findings to provide a final opportunity for feedback which will be included in the study.

Risk and Benefits of being in the Study: There is minimal risk to participating in this study. Participants may be reminded of the traumatic stories shared throughout their experiences working in the field. The benefit in participating in this study will help educate other mental health professionals working with survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Criterion: If you can answer yes to the following questions, I encourage you to become a participant in my study.

- Have you been working as a mental health professional over five years?
- Are you over the age of 18 years old?
- Can you read and write in English?
- Have you counseled at least five or more survivors' of CSA?

Do you agree to be in this study? _____

I can email or send you a copy of all the information. _____

Contact/Questions: Launia Juerrier-Best's faculty advisor is Dr. Surprina, Ph.D. You may ask any questions you may have now or as they arise and anytime. You may contact the researcher via (813)389-0001 or ljbest215@yahoo.com or the advisor at (941) 379-0404. If you want to talk privately about your rights or questions as a participant, you can call (813)389-0001.