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Homeless Youths Qualitative Data Documentation





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 - Flyer Content: A document with the content of the flyer used to recruit homeless youths for the study
 - Script for Oral Consent
 - Homeless Youth Interview Protocol
- 4) The Zip Archive file, pkg25841-0010_REST.zip includes 12 interview files. All of the interview files are available in ASCII Text (.txt) and Portable Document Format (.pdf). The interview files are available through the restricted access procedures described above.

Flyer Content

Most people do not know much about the lives of youth who do not live at home. Researchers at Georgia State University are interested in how youth are making it on the street. We want to know what life is like living on the streets of Atlanta.

We want to ask you about your experiences on the street. We want to know who has helped you and who has not. We will talk with you in a place where you feel safe. We have a private setting on Georgia State University's campus to talk if needed. We will record what you tell us in a way that does not identify you. The talk may take anywhere for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Your name will not be written down. You will be asked to orally agree to the interview. You will be given a form that describes the interview and your rights.

You will get a gift card to a local store or movie theatre for talking with us.

Script for Oral Consent – Interviews with Homeless Youth

People often do not think about what youth who do not live at home face. We want to know how youth who do not live at home make it. We want to know about their experiences. We will ask you about your day to day life on the street. We want to know what has happened to you. We are asking these questions as part of a research project that will involve up to 50 youths.

The talk might last for one hour. It will be recorded in a way that does not identify you. At the beginning of the interview, you will be asked if you are willing to have the interview audio-taped. This recording will be labeled with a number, not your name. Once written down, the recording will be destroyed. Only the number will appear on the written interview. If you do not want the interview to be recorded, your answers will be written on a note-pad or computer while you talk.

You will be asked to remember things from your past or about your life that may be painful. You can skip any question. You can stop the interviewer at any time. You can take a break at anytime. After the interview, you can ask any questions and discuss any concerns you have with the interviewer.

You will not benefit directly from this research. We hope your answers will help us understand what homeless youth experience. Participation in research is voluntary. You have the right not to be in this study. If you decide to be in the study and change your mind, you have the right to drop out at any time. You can say "no" at any point in the interview and the person doing the interview will not mind. Stopping the interview will not affect your request for services. You will be given a movie gift card to thank you for your time. You can decide to stop the interview at any point, and you will still receive the gift card. Your interview will be given a number to protect your identity. Your name will not appear on any interviews. If we write anything about your answers, you will not be known by your name. Your name and other things that might point to you will not appear when the researchers discuss or write about the results.

University Disclaimer: If you have any questions about this study or believe you have been injured by being in this study, you may contact Mary A. Finn at 404/413-1038. Georgia State University has not set aside money to pay for this care if something should occur.

Homeless Youth Interview Protocol

Demographic Information

How old were you when you first left home (to be on your own)?How old are you now?
Sex
Sexual orientation
Ever been married?
If yes, are you still married?
Marital status
Ever had any kids?
How many?
What are their ages?
Where do you currently live?
Living arrangement
Do you still go to school?
What grade were you in when you last went to school?
Level of education achieved to date
Do you have a job?
How much money do you bring in a week?
Weekly income (modal)
How many jobs have you had in the past six months (since before July 4 th)? Currently employed? Yes No
Homelessness
How old were you first left home (to be on your own)?
Why did you leave home that first time?
Have you ever spent 1 or more nights on street, in an abandoned building, or in a car? Yes No
Explain.
Have you ever gone to a shelter to spend the night?
What does your usual day look like? [For Safe Place youth, specify before coming to Safeplace What did you do yesterday? [For Safe Place youth, ask: What did you do during a typic day language and the Safeplace?]
day before coming to Safeplace?]
Where do you currently spend most of your time? [For Safe Place youth, ask: Where did you spend most of your time before you arrived here?]
When was the last time you were at home?
Why did you leave this last time?
Have there been any people or agencies that have made things easier for you while you have
been living on your own?
Prompts: given you money, food, clothes, or helped you when you were sick?

Have there been any individuals or agencies that have made things tougher for you while you have been living on your own?

Prompts: made you move from a place you were staying or standing, made you go somewhere you didn't want to go, made you do something you didn't want to do?

What do you think could make your life better?

What are the things you need to make your life better?

What is the toughest thing about living away from home on your own?

What is the best thing about living away from home on your own?

If you could live in any kind of housing you wanted, what would it be?

Prompts: on my own in an apt; back with my mom or dad; with my kids; with friends How do you get around the city?

Do you have a car?

Subsistence strategies:

What are some of the things that you do to make it on your own?

Prompts: begged/asked for money or food; took stuff without paying for it; went through trash cans and dumpsters looking for stuff to sell or pawn; offered to clean car window or sidewalk offered to have sex; offered to strip; worked as an escort, stripper, model; had phone sex.

Since you've been on your own, have you ever had a job earning money where you worked for someone doing stuff that was <u>legal</u> because they asked you to?

Since you've been on your own, have you ever had a job where you worked for someone doing stuff that was <u>illegal</u> because they asked you to?

Have you ever traded sex for food? for a safe place to sleep? for money? for drugs or alcohol?

Victimization on street:

Since you've been on your own, has anyone ever hurt you physically?

Prompts: beat you up, hurt you with a weapon, forced you to give up something that belonged to you; forced you to have sex?

How many times in the past six months?

If yes, did you look for help after this happened?

Since you've been on your own, have you ever been threatened by someone else?

Explain.

If yes, did you look for help from anyone after this happened?