CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY
COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

Social Support Study
Principal Investigator: Anne Nurse, Department of Sociology, (330) 263-2462

Purpose

You are being asked to participate in a research study. We hope to learn about the kinds of support you receive from people while you are in the institution and out on parole. We are also interested in how incarceration affects relationships with families and friends. The data will be used for a senior independent study at The College of Wooster. It is also possible that the summarized data could be published at a later date.

Procedures

If you decide to volunteer, you will be asked to answer a number of questions about yourself and your relationships with people who are close to you. Interviews will be conducted every six months for five years. Each interview will take approximately an hour.

Risks

There are no significant risks to you for your participation in this study.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits to you for your participation in this study. However, some people enjoy having the opportunity to talk to someone about their relationships inside and outside of prison.

Confidentiality

Any information you give will be held confidential. Your name or any identifying characteristics will not be used in any way.

Costs/Compensation

There is no cost to you beyond the time and effort required to complete the procedure described above. There will be no compensation for your participation.

Right to Refuse or Withdraw

You may refuse to participate in the study. If you decide to participate, you may change your mind about being in the study and quit after the interview has started or at any time during the five years. Your refusal to participate will not be reported to anyone at the institution, nor will it in any way affect your chances of parole.

Questions

If you have any question, please ask me. If you have additional questions later, you can write to me at Anne Nurse, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691. I can also be reached by phone at (330) 263-2462.

Consent

Your signature below will indicate that you have decided to volunteer as a research subject and that you have read and understand the information provided above.

Signature of participant _____ Date _____

You will be provided a copy of this form upon request.

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