Financial Elder Justice Needs Assessment

You are invited to participate in a research study by Dr. Alex Schiwal. Dr. Schiwal is a Researcher at the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University.

The purpose of this survey is to understand the service needs in your community. We want to understand what people know about the Division of Aging and Adults Services (DAAS) and Adult Protective Services (APS).

We also want to know if people understand laws and options around reporting abuse and neglect in Utah. You are being asked to participate in this research because you are an adult community member in Utah.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You can quit the survey at any time and for any reason.

If you take part in this study, you will be asked to consent to this survey and then you will answer questions on yourself, service needs, and gaps. If you are under 60 and you do not have a physical or mental impairment you will receive a shorter survey. This survey will take 15-20 minutes.

If you are over 60 years old or have a physical or mental impairment, you may be asked about your own experience reporting any abuse you experienced. You will also be asked about your thoughts on the legal needs of vulnerable adults. This survey will take 30-40 minutes. Adults with impairments and those over 65 are covered by APS services. We are asking members of this group more questions.

The possible risks of participating in this study include negative feelings and loss of privacy. You might have negative feelings from questions about possible past abuse. Because you are calling by phone, you may lose some privacy and confidentiality. However, you are being asked to not provide any identifiable information to the person answering the phone. You may skip any questions you prefer not to answer.

You will not directly benefit from this study. However, the information will help DAAS improve the resources they offer in your area.

We will make every effort to ensure that the information you provide remains confidential. We will not reveal your identity in any publications, presentations, or reports resulting from this study. However, it may be possible for someone to recognize the specifics you share with us.

We ask that you do not reveal any personally identifiable information to the person on the phone. You will be provided the contact information for APS throughout the survey, which you must use if you have information to report. If you reveal identifiable instances of unreported abuse, neglect, or exploitation of yourself or a vulnerable adult, the person on the phone becomes a mandatory reporter and must contact APS.

We will collect your data through Qualtrics, a secure online website for entering and storing survey data. Online activities always carry a risk of a data breach. We will use methods to minimize this. Complete data will be stored in a restricted-access folder on Box.com. This is an encrypted, cloud-based storage system.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Alex Schiwal at alex.schiwal@usu.edu. If you have any concerns about this study, please contact USU’s Human Research Protection Office at (435) 797-0567 or irb@usu.edu; or contact the Department of Human Services at 801-538-4641 or jmurakami@utah.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration.
By continuing to the survey, you agree that you are 18 years of age or older, and want to participate. You agree that you understand the risks and benefits of doing this. You know what you are being asked to do. You also agree and are clear on how to exit the study if you choose to do so.

You agree that you will contact the research team if you have questions or concerns. You can obtain an electronic copy of the consent form at [http://cpd.usu.edu/services/aps-needs-assessment](http://cpd.usu.edu/services/aps-needs-assessment) or for a paper copy, please call Aubrey Snyder at 435-797-0528.