University of California at Davis  
Consent to Participate in Research  
Phase 3: Family Survey  

University of California, Davis (UCD), Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), and CSU Fullerton  
Reuniting Families Study  
Investigators: Drs. Caitlin Patler, Altaf Saadi, and Laura Gil-Trejo  

Study Introduction and Purpose  

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Professor Caitlin Patler, Ph.D., at UC Davis, Professor Dr. Altaf Saadi, MD, MSc, at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Laura Gil-Trejo and California State University Fullerton.  

We are researchers with many years of experience working with organizations that seek to help immigrants and families who have experienced immigration detention. We are doing this research in collaboration with the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union/Unión Estadounidense por las Libertades Civiles).  

The purpose of this study is to better understand how immigration detention and release from detention impacts the lives of formerly detained people and their families. Participation in this research study will have no effect on your family member’s immigration case.  

If you agree to participate in this research, you will be asked to participate in a survey about your experiences during and after the detention of a family member, and how those experiences may have impacted your wellbeing or that of your family.  

The survey will last around 20 minutes. You will receive a $40 gift card for participating.  

The survey will be done via telephone and will be recorded and transcribed, but your name will not be included on the transcription.  

There is no direct benefit to you from taking part in this study. We hope that the research will allow you an opportunity to share your experiences. The findings from this study could also provide the public and organizations like the ACLU with more information regarding how to best support people impacted by detention.  

The risks of this research are minimal. Some of the questions might make you feel uncomfortable or upset. You do not have to answer any of the questions you do not want to answer.  

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Confidentiality

As with all research, there is a chance that confidentiality could be compromised; however, we are taking precautions to minimize this risk. Your responses to the survey questions will not include information that identifies you. Identifiable information will be handled as confidentially as possible.

To minimize the risks of breach of confidentiality, we will remove any identifying information and replace with a code/pseudonym where necessary. Individuals from UC Davis who oversee research may access your data during audits or other monitoring activities.

While this study does not involve keeping the data we collect with your identifiable information (e.g., your name or date of birth) for future use, we may still use your data to answer additional research questions or share them with other investigators for additional research. If we do so, we will remove all identifiable information before use or sharing. Once identifiers have been removed, we will not ask your consent for the use of sharing of your data in additional research.

This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC) from the National Institutes of Health. The researchers with this CoC may not disclose or use information or documents may identify you in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other action, suit, or proceeding. For example, the information collected in this research cannot be used as evidence in a proceeding unless you consent to this use. Information, protected by this CoC cannot be disclosed to anyone else who is not connected with the research, except:

- To a federal agency sponsoring this research when information is needed for auditing or program evaluations;
- To meet the requirements of the U.S. FDA;
- If a federal, state or local law requires disclosure such as a requirement to report a communicable disease;
- If information about you must be disclosed to prevent serious harm to yourself or others such as child abuse, elder abuse or spousal abuse;
- If you consent to the disclosure, including for your medical treatment, to an insurer or employer to obtain information about you; or
- If it is used for other scientific research, as allowed by federal regulations protecting research subjects.

This CoC also does not prevent you or a family member from voluntarily releasing information about yourself and your involvement in this research.

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Compensation

To thank you for your time, at the end of this survey session you will receive a $40 gift card.

Rights

*Participation in research is completely voluntary.* You are free to decline to take part in the project. You can decline to answer any questions and you can stop taking part in the project at any time. Whether or not you choose to participate, or answer any question, or stop participating in the project, there will be no penalty to you or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Questions

If you have any questions about this research, please feel free to contact the investigators via email at patler@ucdavis.edu, asaadi@mgh.harvard.edu, lgil-trejo@fullerton.edu, or by phone at (657)278-7691.

If you have any questions about your rights or treatment as a research participant in this study, please contact the University of California Davis, Institutional Review Board at (916)703-9158 or HS-IRBEducation@ucdavis.edu.