PARTICIPANTS WANTED:  
EARN $25

THIS STUDY EXAMINES WHAT HAS HELPED PEOPLE TO STAY OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

• AS A TEEN, WERE YOU CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE THAT RESULTED IN PROBATION OR INCARCERATION?
• HAVE YOU STOPPED OFFENDING FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS?
• ARE YOU 19+ YEARS OLD NOW?

IF YES, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY!

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If you participate, you would complete questionnaires about your past offending, and be interviewed about what helped you to stop offending. This would take about 1 hour.
Who is Conducting this Study?
Principal Investigator: Aisha Bhanwer, M.A.
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Why are we Doing this Study?
We want to learn more about how to help adolescents involved in the justice system. This study will help us learn more about what has helped individuals who were involved in crime during adolescence to stop committing crime.

Your Participation is Voluntary
It is completely your choice to participate in this study. You don’t have to answer questions that you don’t want to. Also, you can withdraw your participation during the study if you change your mind, and you would still receive the $25.

How is the Study Done?
If you decide to take part in this research study, here is what will we do: (1) answer questionnaires about your offending history (e.g., types of offences you have committed before) and (2) you will be interviewed about factors that helped you stop committing crime. This meeting today will take about 1 hour and will be audio-recorded. Interviews are audio-recorded so we can listen better during the interviews, and not have to write everything down, and so we can transcribe and review your responses later.

What are the Benefits of Participating?
You will receive $25 for your participation in this research study. In addition, your participation in this study will help us to understand strengths that help people stop their involvement in crime.

What are the Potential Risks of Participating?
During the study there is a small possibility that you may find some of the questions mildly uncomfortable. However, if you do feel uncomfortable, you have the option to not answer any question. Also, it is possible that other people might overhear what we talk about (e.g., if we are meeting in a public spot). You should not experience any significant harm from your participation in this study.

How will your Privacy be Maintained?
Your responses will be kept confidential. To do this, we will assign you a ID number for this study. This number will be used on all study materials. We will keep a list that matches names to ID numbers, and only the principal investigator and the faculty supervisor will have access to this list. The list and consent forms will be kept separate from your responses. Electronic data, such as the audio-recordings of the interview, will be stored on password-protected computers, which are located in a locked office at Simon Fraser University. Hard copies of the study materials will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in a locked office at Simon Fraser University for at least 7 years. The results of this study will be included in a graduate doctoral dissertation.

We also intend to share our study results at academic conferences and publish our findings in academic journal articles. We will not include any identifying information about you in any of these documents or presentations. As part of the study we will be using quotes from the interview to help explain our results, but quotes will not include any identifying information, such as names, specific workplaces, etc.

There are also a few limits, or exceptions, to confidentiality. If you tell us that you or someone else is in serious and imminent danger, we may need to tell others to protect the safety of you/others. If you talk about a child or youth who is being abused or neglected, we may need to tell others to protect them. None of the questions in the study ask about these topics, so there is a very low probability of this happening. There is also a possibility that information from this study might be subpoenaed from the court and released to the court, and made available to police and prosecution services. This is also unlikely to happen, and we will not hold information that directly connects your name with your data (data will have a study ID number only).

**Study Results**
The results of this study will be reported in a graduate thesis (public document) and may also be published in journal articles.

**If You Have Any Concerns Please Contact Us**
You are free to discuss your participation in this study, and to obtain copies of the results by contacting Aisha Bhanwer (abhanwer@sfu.ca). If you have any concerns about your rights as a research participant and/or your experiences while participating in this study, you may contact Dr. Jeffrey Toward, Director, Office of Research Ethics jtoward@sfu.ca or 778-782-6593.

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Taking part in this study is entirely up to you. You have the right to refuse to participate in this study. If you decide to take part, you may choose to pull out of the study at any time without giving a reason and without any negative impact on your $25 honorarium.

By signing below, you are consenting to participate in the study and will acknowledge the following:

a) I read and understood the informed consent describing the study procedures,

b) I understand the possible risks and benefits of this study,

c) I have received an adequate opportunity to consider the information above and voluntarily agree to participate in the study.
Name: ______________________________________

Signature: ______________________________________

Date(yyyy/mm/dd): ______________________________