

**SPRINGFIELD SPECIALTY COURT: MENTAL HEALTH SESSION**

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**Advised Consent**

The *Recovery with Justice Program* (Springfield Specialty Court: Mental Health Session) is a new program. In order to determine the effectiveness of the program, we are collecting data on participants in the program. The data collected includes basic demographic information, such as age, race, as well as diagnosis, nature of criminal charges, length of participation in the program, number of case management contacts, and services accessed.

Data collection will continue following your successful completion of the *Recovery with Justice Program*. You will be contacted at 3, 6 and 12 months after your discharge to gather information that will reflect your on-going status following program completion. This information will include your level of participation in treatment, whether you have relapsed, and whether you have been arrested or incarcerated. An updated CORI will be printed at 3, 6, and 12 months after your discharge as well.

The information gathered from participants in the *Recovery with Justice Program* will be used in reports to our grantor (Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation), and may be incorporated into future grant applications. Additionally, the data gathered may be used in professional conferences or scholarly papers. All data will be reported in the aggregate, as descriptive data about the participants. At times case studies will be developed; however, these will be done in a manner to disguise the identities of the participants and will be used as illustrations of significant themes discerned about the Program and its participants.

The benefit of participating in the data collection and follow-up study include helping to further develop and refine the *Recovery with Justice Program*.

The risks of participating in the data collection and follow-up study are minimal, as the data reporting will be done in the aggregate so that individual participants cannot be identified from the data released.

While general demographic data is gathered on all participants as part of their participation in the Program, participation in the follow-up interviews is entirely voluntary.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to participate in the follow-up study and allow updated CORI reports to be printed at 3, 6, and 12 months after my discharge.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, decline participation in the follow-up study.

This Consent is in effect until 24 months after discharge from the *Recovery with Justice Program*. This consent may be terminated at any time with a written request. This Advised Consent will expire on:

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Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name