

Telephone Interviews with State APS Representatives
Introductory Email

SUBJECT: Requesting information for BJS-sponsored elder abuse study

Dear __,

I am writing to request no more than 1 hour of your time to conduct a telephone interview for a research study on the feasibility of using existing APS data to help estimate the prevalence of reported incidents of elder abuse, mistreatment, and neglect nationwide. My name is _____, and I am a research associate with the Urban Institute in Washington, DC. This study is sponsored by the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), a part of the U.S. Department of Justice.

In early 2014, we will conduct an online survey of state and local APS agencies to learn whether they routinely collect a common set of case information that could be used to develop national statistics on reported elder abuse. The attached 1-page project description contains more information about our research approach.

In preparation for the online survey, we would like to speak with you to verify our understanding of the APS response in your state. Attached is a summary of background information we have compiled, including information from NAPSA's 2012 survey of state APS agencies. Additionally, we would like your input on the appropriate points of contact for our online survey in early 2014.

Please let me know your availability for a 1-hour telephone interview on one of the following days: **LIST POSSIBILITIES**. Alternately, please suggest a time that is better for you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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