

## Appendix 3 – Telephone Screening Script

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**Sample screening script for respondent contact by Center for Questionnaire Design and Evaluation  
Research  
(CQDER) Recruiter/CQDER Staff for  
Cognitive testing of labor force module of persons with disabilities  
recruited through newspaper advertisement/flyer**

**Dial respondent’s telephone number [hereafter referred to as R] as indicated on voice mail system.**

**Note: Speak only to R. If the number is answered by voice mail/answering machine, call back at another time.**

**CQDER Recruiter/CQDER Staff:** Good morning/afternoon, may I speak to (name)?

**If R is not available or not at home, say, “Thank you” and try again at another time.**

**If the person who answered the phone (NOT R) asks, “Who is calling?” or “What’s this about?” say, “I am returning their call to me. I’ll try to reach them at another time.**

**If R has been successfully contacted, continue...**

...Hello, my name is [CQDER Recruiter/CQDER Staff’s name. I am calling from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics. You may remember that you responded to an advertisement indicating that you were interested in answering some employment and health related questions.

**Wait for acknowledgment, such as, “Oh, yes, I remember.”**

...In order to determine if you are eligible for our study, I’ll need a few minutes of your time to ask some background questions. Answering these questions is completely voluntary. We are required by law to use your information for statistical research only and to keep it confidential. The law prohibits us from giving anyone any information that may identify you without your consent. Is this a good time to ask the questions or should I call back later?

**If not a good time to talk, schedule a time to call back.**

**If good time to talk, continue...**

1. Where did you see our advertisement/flyer?

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2. How old are you? **[If under age 18, go to exit script 1]**

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3. Do you/does someone in your household have any difficulty seeing?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

4. Do you/does someone in your household have any difficulty hearing?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

5. Do you/does someone in your household have any difficulty concentrating?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

6. Do you/does someone in your household have any difficulty walking?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

7. Do you/does someone in your household have any difficulty climbing stairs?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

8. Do you/does someone in your household use any special equipment such as a hearing aid, wheel chair or walker (check all that apply)

Hearing Aid

If yes, please explain

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Wheel Chair

If yes, please explain

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Walker

If yes, please explain

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain

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9. Do you/does someone in your household have any learning disabilities?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

10. Do you/does someone in your household have any difficulty remembering?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

11. Do you/does someone in your household have any difficulty speaking?

Yes

If yes, please explain

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No

12. Are you currently working full-time, part-time, unemployed, or retired?

Full-time

Part-time

Unemployed

Retired

13. What is the highest level of school you have completed?

Less than High School (No Diploma or GED)

High School Diploma or GED

Associate Degree

Some College

Bachelor's Degree

Graduate Degree

14. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

15. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? You may indicate more than one race.

White

Black or African American

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**[If the recruitment needs for certain groups have been achieved, go to exit script 2].**

**Entry Script:**

...Based on your answers to the questions so far, we would like you to take part in our study. For this study we'd like you to come here to the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, MD/agreed mutual location. An interviewer will ask you questions about employment and health. Then the interviewer will ask you to explain what you were thinking as you answered the questions. The interviewer will also ask you about your opinions of the questions. Your answers will help us find out if the survey questions will be easy for other people to answer. Everything you say will be kept private. With your permission, we would like to record your interview. The recording is a record of what we asked and what you said about the questions. Do you give permission to have

your interview video recorded? *Yes/No*. **[If no, ask if for permission to audio record]**. Do you give permission to have your interview audio recorded? *Yes/No*. **[If no, go to exit script 3. At a minimum audio recording is essential for this project]**.

Do you have any questions at this point? *Pause to answer questions*. If (not/you have no other questions), then let's get you on the schedule, ok? We will be interviewing (Day, Month/Date) through (Day, Month/Date) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Looking at your schedule, when would you be available to participate? *Schedule*. **[If date/times not available go to exit script 4.]**

A reminder call will be made to you a few days in advance. Should you have any questions or need to change your appointment, please feel free to contact me [name] at [phone number]. Thank you for responding to our ad, and I look forward to seeing you here at (DATE/TIME) *Get respondent to cite date & time if possible*.

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**Exit script 1:** I'm sorry, you have to be over the age of 18 to take part in this study and therefore we won't be able to use you at this time. We appreciate your call and thank you for your interest in our study.

**Exit script 2:** Based upon your answers, it seems that we may already have a number of volunteers with very similar answers to yours. At this point we need to talk with people with some different characteristics. However, if we have cancellations or other slots open up, I may wish to call you back. Would it be okay if I kept your name, telephone number, and the information you provided in response to the eligibility questions until the end of this study? *If yes*, make notation. *If no*, would it be okay if I added your name, telephone number, age, educational level, and race to our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future? *If yes*, add to database. *If no*: OK, thank you for your time. Your name and any information you gave me will not be added to our database.

**Exit script 3:** I'm sorry, willingness to be audio recorded is required in order to take part in this study and therefore we won't be able to use you at this time. Would it be okay if I added your name, telephone number, age, educational level, and race to our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future? *If yes*, add to database. *If no*: OK, thank you for your time. Your name and any information you gave me will not be added to our database.

**Exit script 4:** I see...ok, we were hoping to complete this particular study between (Month/Date) and (Month/Date), so it looks like we won't be able to schedule you at this time. Would it be okay if I added your name, telephone number, age, educational level, and race to our database so that I can contact you about other studies coming up in the future? *If yes*, add to database. *If no*: OK, thank you for your time. Your name and any information you gave me will not be added to our database.