

# Information Sheet

You are invited to participate in a research study. Your participation is voluntary. This document explains information about this study. It also provides contact information for individuals who can answer questions you may have about this study.

**STUDY TITLE:** Adult Protective Services (APS) Client Outcomes Study

**FUNDING:** This study is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.

**PURPOSE:** APS programs aim to help older adults and adults with disabilities who may have experienced abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation. The purpose of this study is to learn about APS programs, client experiences using APS, and the effect APS services have on clients.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION:** Your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate, please follow the instructions to complete and return the form labeled: Client Questionnaire. This study will not collect any information that identifies you, like your name or address, so no one can find out that you participated in this study. Your identity will not even be known to the researchers unless you contact them and *ask* that they make a note that you participated in this study. You have the right to ask that your name be included and may do so by contacting the research team (see below for contact information), but you do not have to do this.

**RESEARCH TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION:** This study is being conducted by New Editions Consulting, Inc. under contract with the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living. If you have questions (which can be asked without giving your name) or if you want to provide information that links you to this research study, please contact Raphael Gaeta, PhD at New Editions Consulting, Inc. by calling 703-356-8035 (ext. 143) or e-mailing [rgaeta@neweditions.net](mailto:rgaeta@neweditions.net).

**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) CONTACT INFORMATION:** The IRB reviews and monitors research studies to protect the rights and welfare of participants. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact Amanda Gmyrek, PhD at the JBS International IRB by calling (240) 645-4848 or emailing [agmyrek@jbsinternational.com](mailto:agmyrek@jbsinternational.com).

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