

**Using Concept Mapping to Develop a Theory to Describe the Work of  
the National Domestic Violence Hotline with Family and Friends of  
Victims/Survivors – Formative Data Collection**

**Formative Data Collections for Program Support**

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**APPENDIX C.2: GCM Online Consent Form –  
Anonymous Route**

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## **What is the SAF-T project?**

The [National Domestic Violence Hotline Services Assessment Framework based on Theory](#) (SAF-T) is a project funded by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) on behalf of the Family and Youth Service Bureau's Family Violence Prevention and Services Program and the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation. The SAF-T project will be developing a theoretical framework to describe the work of the National Domestic Violence Hotline ([The Hotline](#)) as it relates to family and friends of victims/survivors. To develop this framework, the SAF-T project is using a method called group concept mapping (GCM) to learn more about ways in which The Hotline can support family and friends who contact The Hotline through its adult helpline or its youth-focused [loveisrespect](#) helpline.

## **What will participation involve?**

If you choose to participate, you could be eligible to complete in up to three online concept mapping activities as well as a group webinar discussion. Since you were referred to the project by a phone, chat or text Advocate from The Hotline/loveisrespect, you are only being asked to complete a single concept mapping activity. However, you are welcome to participate in additional GCM activities as they become available.

1. **Brainstorming Activity:** You will be asked to identify ways in which you think The Hotline can support family and friends who contact The Hotline. This activity will take 20 minutes or less to complete and will take place in [INSERT MONTH AND YEAR].
2. **Sorting Activity:** You will be asked to sort statements into categories that make sense to you. This activity will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and will take place [INSERT MONTH AND YEAR].
3. **Rating Activity:** You will be asked to rate each statement on how IMPORTANT and how USEFUL you think it is in supporting family and friends who contact The Hotline. This activity will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and will take place in [INSERT MONTH AND YEAR].
4. **Group Webinar Discussion:** You will be asked to participate in a group webinar where we will share combined results and get feedback from all participants through discussion. This activity will take approximately 60 minutes to complete and will take place in [INSERT MONTH AND YEAR].

While we are not able to provide financial incentives for participation, your input is very important and we appreciate you sharing your ideas and opinions.

## **Before moving ahead, please remember that:**

- You must be at least 18 years old to participate in this study.
- Computer use can be monitored and is impossible to be completely clear. If you are concerned about your safety related to this project, exit the webpage and clear your browser history.
- Your participation is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time without penalty.

- There is the possible risk that you may feel some emotional discomfort when participating in the group concept mapping activities. You do not have to answer any questions or provide any information that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- There are no direct benefits to participating in this study. However, participating may indirectly help improve services provided by The Hotline, which would benefit future contactors.
- Your participation in any of the first three GCM activities (brainstorming, sorting and rating activities) is completely anonymously and there no way to connect with you with your responses. If you choose to participate in the discussion webinar, you do not have to register for the webinar, provide an email address, or even use your real name. Any responses you may provide during the group webinar discussion activities will be kept private and confidential. Information you provide during the webinar will be combined with information from other participants for research purposes and will only be used in reports or scientific papers in summary form. Your responses will not be attributed to your name. We may use quotes from you or other participants in our reports, but we will not link participants' names to any responses.
- Any records related to your involvement in this project will be stored securely on a password-protected computer or network drive that is only accessible by the SAF-T project team.
- If you have questions about this study, please contact Carol Hagen, Project Director at [carolhagen@westat.com](mailto:carolhagen@westat.com) or (301) 294-3877. If you have questions about your role as a research subject, contact the Human Subjects Protections Office at [IRB@westat.com](mailto:IRB@westat.com) or (888) 920-7631. In your message, please include your name, name of the study (SAF-T project), and email address or phone number.

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