

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Illinois Protocol Initiative Training Evaluation Informed Consent

Training Participants:

What is this training?

This training will provide knowledge and procedures for investigating and/or prosecuting domestic violence offenders. You will be asked to complete a pre- and post-test which are also voluntary. We need this information to determine the effectiveness of the training today.

The study is being conducted by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) and has been approved by ICJIA's Institutional Review Board. No deception is involved and the study involves no more than minimal risk to participants (i.e., the level of risk encountered in daily life).

What will I be asked to do?

Before and after the training today, you will be asked to complete a test. This test typically takes 15 minutes. The purpose of the pre- and post-test is to determine the effectiveness of the training session today. Completing this test is voluntary, if you decide not to complete it; you can still receive the training. No risks or discomforts are anticipated from taking part in this study. If you feel uncomfortable with a question, you can skip that question or withdraw from the study altogether.

What are the benefits of the assessment?

The information can help suggest training enhancements and improve the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence cases.

Can I quit the assessment at any time?

Your participation is voluntary; you are free to withdraw your participation from this study at any time. If you do not want to continue, you can simply let the trainer know. You also may choose to skip any questions that you do not wish to answer.

How will the findings be used?

The results will be used for evaluation purposes only. We do not ask for your name on the test, and you will not receive an individual grade or score for this assessment. The final report will include a summary of information received from this and other training assessments. This information will be used to evaluate the training session, and provide information for improvement, if needed. The results will be reported as combined averages for each training session. Your individual responses will not be reported or used in any other way. The results from the evaluation will be published on ICJIA's website and may be presented at conferences or other public forums.

Note: If you have concerns or questions about this evaluation, please contact the Principal Investigator, Lynne Mock, Ph.D. at <u>Lynne.Mock@illinois.gov</u> or Junaid Afeef, Associate General Counsel, at <u>Junaid.Afeef@Illinois.gov</u>.