

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE (NIEJI) PROGRAM
Verbal Consent Form

When an elder agrees to be interviewed this is verbal consent. Before beginning each interview, read the following paragraphs to the elder.

“Thank you for agreeing to participate in our Native Elder Maltreatment Survey. We as Indigenous people value our elders and we hope these interviews will help to better understand the needs of the elders in our community. All of your response will be kept confidential. Your name will not be entered on any part of this survey. Please be aware that you do not have to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable. You may stop the interview at any time for any reason.

The confidentiality of enrolled members and tribal data is of the utmost importance; therefore, the data for this survey will be collected anonymously by community interviewers with the data stored at the NIEJI Initiative Program located at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after three years.

We encourage you to contact your local healthcare providers if you experience any concerns about potential health problems. A list of local and national health providers in your area are available upon request from _____ (tribal agency here).

The _____ (tribal agency here) is coordinating the Native Elder Maltreatment Survey for our area with technical assistance from the NIEJI Initiative Program. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact _____ (tribal agency here) for more information _____ (contact information here).”