

Consent Form

When an elder agrees to be interviewed this is the verbal consent. Before beginning each interview, read the following paragraphs to the elder and offer them a printed sheet of this consent statement.

"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 responses 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 members with the data stored at the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) 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 the forms will be destroyed three years after the project ends.

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

The _____ (tribal agency here) is coordinating the survey for our area with technical assistance from the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact _____ (tribal agency contact here) for more information:.....- _____ (local tribal contact information here). The NIEJI researcher assisting with this study is Dr. Jacque Gray. If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints now or later about the research please contact her at 701-777-6084, or info@nieji.org. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, you may contact The University of North Dakota Institutional Review Board at (701) 777-4279. You may also call this number with any problems, complaints, or concerns about the research."