



Inmate / Adoptee Survey

Adopt an Inmate

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If this is a duplicate survey, please discard or pass on to someone who might be interested

Personal Info & Confidentiality

Name & Inmate #: _____ Date: _____

State & Facility: _____ (Please notify re: address changes) DOB: _____

1. How did you hear about us? _____ Are you a veteran? Y / N Branch? _____

2. Are you interested in being adopted _____

Information provided is used for research purposes and may be published on the Adopt an Inmate website, and/or provided to legislators and media sources. If your comments are published, please indicate your privacy preferences: First and Last name, location (*"John Smith, TDCJ"*)

First name, location (*"John in TDCJ"*) I prefer to remain anonymous (*"A prisoner in Texas"*)

3. How long have you been incarcerated? _____

4. Did you have a paid attorney? Y / N Were you provided with a public defender? Y / N

5. Did your case go to trial? Y / N Did you accept a plea deal? Y / N

6. Were you satisfied with your legal representation? Y / N

7. What is your sentence? _____ Expected date of release? _____

8. Do you feel your sentence is just? Y / N Please explain: _____

9. Were you married when you were incarcerated? Y / N Are you currently married? Y / N

10. Do you have children? Y / N If Y, please provide # and ages of each: _____

11. If you have minor children, who is caring for them? _____

12. Have family & friends stayed in contact during your incarceration? Y / N _____

13. Were you employed before you were incarcerated? Y / N _____

14. Were you attending school before you were incarcerated? Y / N _____

15. How far are you located from your home city? How far are you from your closest family? _____

16. How many times have you been moved to a different facility? _____

17. Which facilities have you been housed? _____

18. Have you spent any time in Solitary or Ad/Seg? Y / N # of times, & how long? _____

Reason? _____

19. Do you feel your time in jail/prison has benefited you? Y / N Please explain: _____

20. Have you made friends on the inside that you will keep after you or they are released? Y / N

21. Do you find that inmates are supportive of each other? _____

22. Estimate the percentage of inmates in your dorm/building are indigent? _____

23. Estimate the percentage of inmates in your dorm/building with no family support _____

24. Do you have a job? Y / N If yes, what is it? _____ Wage? _____



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Tell us about your institution

- 25. Is the cost of phone calls a hardship for your friends and family? _____
- 26. Would you make more calls if the cost were cheaper? _____
- 27. Estimate percentage of inmates in your dorm/building that make phone calls _____
- 28. How often do you get visitors: _____ Contact Behind glass
- 29. Does the visitation procedure make it difficult for family to visit? _____
- 30. What would enable you to receive more frequent visits? _____
- 31. Estimate percentage of inmates in your dorm/building that receive visits _____
- 32. Please list and describe any educational opportunities offered _____

- 33. Please list and describe any rehabilitation programs offered _____

- 34. Please list any educational, rehabilitation, or programming you have completed, or plan to complete

- 35. Were you ordered to pay any restitution? Y / N If Y, amount: _____
- 36. If yes, please describe: _____

- 37. Please indicate issues you would like to see addressed in your facility (use extra sheet if needed)
 - Guards Trustees Food Commissary/Canteen Phone Mail / Books Visitation
 - Transfers Grievance process Access to reading material Access to legal resources
 - Medical care Safety/Security issues Gangs Substance Abuse Parole / Probation
 - Contraband – presence of: drugs, alcohol, cell phones Educational Opportunities
 - Rehabilitation & Treatment programs
 - Condition of facility – circle: bathrooms / showers / dayroom / dorms / yard / other _____

If you have family or friends that would like to receive our quarterly newsletter for adopters and advocates of inmates, please provide their **email address(es) if known:**

- 38. Name & contact info: _____

- 39. How are you related to the above? _____

****For other inmates who may want get on our waiting list, please ask them to send a survey request with SASE ****

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We do not have the resources to respond in writing to your completed survey – please know that as soon as we receive it you will be added to our waiting list. Please update us with any change in status or address.



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Informed Consent Form for Adopt an Inmate Studies

AI is asking you to take part in a research study. This form will give you information about this study. Please read this form carefully and ask any questions (by phone or mail) you may have before agreeing to take part in the study.

Project: Perceptions in Prison / Contact Person: Melissa Schmitt 971-236-7897

What the study is about: The purpose of this study is to gather data about U.S. prisons and prisoners, and how people in prison view their experiences.

What we will ask you to do: If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to: Complete the written survey on the back of this form about your perceptions of how you've been treated in the courts and in confinement. The survey questions usually take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete.

Risks and benefits: There are no direct benefits to taking part in this study other than that people on the outside will have a better understanding about how people on the inside view their treatment. Indirect benefits include contribution to science, which we hope will improve upon past studies by including a broader number of participants, and data collected directly from prisoners. We do not expect any risks for taking part in this study. Some questions may ask for sensitive information. However, your answers will be confidential. Your answers are being collected and entered in our database and will be stored on in a secure environment. Despite these measures, there is always the risk that an outside person could view your answers.

Confidentiality: Data are stored on password protected computers. Any paper surveys will be kept in locked rooms. Any online data will be password protected. Only people authorized by *Adopt an Inmate* will be able to view your answers. The data may be viewed by students, trainees, volunteers, and professional researchers. In any sort of report we make public, we will not include any information that will reasonably allow someone to identify you. We may keep your data for future research.

You or someone you authorize may freely release information about yourself or your involvement in this study.

Data from this study may be shared with other researchers. Before we share any data, we will remove or code any personal information that could identify you to ensure that, as far as we know, no one will be able to identify you from the data we share. However, we cannot guarantee that your personal data will be anonymous.

Taking part is voluntary: Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. Unless you feel uncomfortable answering a question, please answer every question. It is better to answer than to leave it blank (even if you are unsure). If you decide not to take part or not to complete the study, it will not affect your current or future relationship with Adopt an Inmate. If you decide to take part, you are free to stop at any time or to skip any question.

If you have questions: Please submit any questions you have now, either via phone (we are unable to accept collect calls), USPS mail, or electronic messaging if it is available in your institution. If you have questions later, or wish to withdraw your participation, you may contact us in the same ways.

Statement of Consent: I have read the above information and have received answers to any questions I asked.

I agree to participate in this study (please sign below)

I do not agree to participate in this study. **Signature:** _____