

Dear member,

You are invited to take part in research exploring the positive and negative impacts that exposure to child maltreatment has upon people working in child protection, and the personal and workplace factors that contribute to these impacts.

This survey is open to caseworkers and casework managers working in child protection (including roles such as Intake, Child Protection, Out of Home Care and JIRT) and will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. It requires you to read an information sheet about the project, confirm consent to participate, and complete a series of questionnaires covering demographic information, information about your caseloads, personal experiences of trauma, positive and negative impacts of working in child protection, and personal and workplace supports (such as supervision and self-care activities) that help you to manage in your job.

This project is being undertaken as part of a Fourth Year Psychology degree through Western Sydney University. This research is being supervised by Dr Martin Daly and Dr Jo Milne-Home at Western Sydney University. If there are any questions regarding this research, or you know of anyone who may be interested in participating in this research, please direct them to contact Dr Martin Daly via email at m.daly@westernsydney.edu.au, or direct them to their PSA delegate, or to the survey link below.

Participation within this research is completely voluntary and anonymous and is not anticipated to cause significant harm or distress, as no graphic material is presented or requested. If however you do experience any distress as a result of your participation, please contact your organisation's Employee Assistance Program, Lifeline on 13 11 14, or Beyondblue on 1300 224 636.

This project has been approved by the Western Sydney University Human Research Ethics Committee. The Approval number is H11740. If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this research you may contact the Ethics Committee through the Office of Research Supervision on 02-4736-0083, fax 02-4736-0013, or email humanethics@uws.edu.au. Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.

To participate in the study, please click the link below, or copy and paste the link into your internet browser:

https://uwssap.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0Sv8JEM2eXuDqOF

Sincerely,

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