

**Information Sheet for Participation in a Research Project**  
University of Connecticut  
State of Connecticut Department of Education

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Study Title: 2011 Survey of Graduates or Exiters of Connecticut High Schools

**Invitation to Participate**

This is a study of people who received special education services in Connecticut and left high school for any reason in 2009 or 2010.

**Purpose**

We hope to learn about your work, education, or training since you left high school to help improve special education for students still in school. The CT State Department of Education must collect this data for the state to report to the Federal government. Your response will be confidential and not linked to your name.

**Description of Procedures**

There is a short survey in this envelope. Please complete the survey and mail it back to Dr. Michael Faggella-Luby at the University of Connecticut in the pre-paid business reply envelope we have provided. You can also fill out the survey online. We have also included in this envelope directions to complete the survey online if you do not want to mail your survey back. The survey can also be completed by someone who knows you well (such as a parent, guardian, or family member). It should take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete the survey.

**Risks and Inconveniences**

A possible inconvenience may be the amount of time it takes to complete the survey.

**Benefits**

You may not directly benefit from this research. However, we hope that your participation in the study may help to improve special education and transition services in Connecticut school districts.

**Confidentiality**

Your survey has a code at the top. This allows us to track responses. We will keep all completed surveys **strictly confidential** and secured in locked files. All analysis and reporting of data will be done at the group level. No one except the researcher will know who filled out the survey. Your responses will never be linked to your name. The UConn Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Office of Research Compliance may inspect study records as part of its auditing program, but these reviews will only focus on the researchers and not on your responses or involvement. The IRB is a group of people who review research studies to protect the rights and welfare of research participants.

**Voluntary Participation**

It is voluntary for you to complete this survey, and you do not have to complete it. If you do not want to participate, please write "I do not want to fill out this survey" on the top of the survey and mail it back. You will not receive another survey. If you do not do this, you will receive another survey in the mail. If you agree to be in the study, but later change your mind, you may drop out at any time by contacting Michael Faggella-Luby at (860) 486-6855 or at [michael.faggella-luby@uconn.edu](mailto:michael.faggella-luby@uconn.edu).

**Questions**

Take as long as you like before you make a decision. If you complete and return the survey, you will be agreeing to participate in this research. If you have questions about this project or if you have a research-related problem, you may contact Michael Faggella-Luby at (860) 486-6855. If you have any questions concerning your rights as a person in this study, you may contact the University of Connecticut Institutional Review Board (IRB) at (860) 486-8802.

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