

Researcher Wants to Survey Michigan Parole and Probation Officers

Researcher wants to hear from current and former Michigan Probation or Parole Officers willing to participate in the survey.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES, March 13, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Capella University Doctoral Candidate, Linda F. Williams, is conducting research on recidivism. The [Emergent Voices Research Study](#) is being conducted in partial fulfillment of her Capella University doctoral studies. Williams says that, "Recidivism is an equal opportunity phenomenon" affecting individuals across racial and socioeconomic boundaries. Many ex-offenders face the same reentry odds. Williams is studying the question of why some individuals prevail in reintegration while others do not.



Emergent Voices Research Study

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Williams describes the study as asking, "What is the box and is the box, as defined, accurately described?" She wants to know what parole and probation officers think will help keep former offenders out of prison. "I can think of no better person to define that 'box' than those who have observed ongoing reintegration challenges."

Williams is no stranger to the topic. During her undergraduate work at Calvin College, Williams completed an applied research project on recidivism that was instrumental in a Prison Fellowship and Hope Network partnership in a prisoner reentry program in Grand Rapids. Herb Start, who was then the Hope Network CEO, asked Williams to co-write the Prison Fellowship New Initiatives Grant proposal. The program was modeled after recommendations in her thesis. Williams went on to earn a Masters of Social Work from Western Michigan University.

Current or former Michigan Parole or Probation Officers can take the survey at [Emergent Voices Probation and Parole Officer Survey](#).

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