



Annexures A

Questionnaire for Staff

The aim of this research is to examine the contributing factors to the mental health challenges of children living in state care in Kingston, Jamaica. Interviewer questions were designed to guide answering the research questions?

1. What is the availability of mental health services within state care facilities?
2. Is there any accessibility of mental health services in state-run facilities for the wards of the state?
3. What are the effectiveness of mental health intervention approaches used in state care?
4. What are the barriers the boys face in accessing and receiving appropriate mental health care?
5. What are the underlying factors that result in mental disorders among males within the child care and Protection facility?
6. What are the behavioral, psychological and emotional symptoms evident among children experiencing this disorder?

Questionnaire for Wards of the State:

1. Are you a victim of mental health issues within state care?
2. Were you ever abused in state care or deprived of mental health treatment or care?
3. To what extent are you affected living in state care?
4. Please describe the type of mental challenges you experienced?
5. How did you cope during the period of your illness?

Annexures B

Consent Form

Informed Consent form for Participation in the Research Study of Applied Research Students

This informed consent form is for children who are in state care and staff who work with children in state who suffer from mental health issues. The title of our research project is "Study of Status, Issues, and Challenges Influencing the Effectiveness of Mental Health Services and Interventions Provided within Child Care and Protection Centers in Kingston, Jamaica".

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in state care in Kingston, Jamaica.

PART I: Information Sheet

Introduction

We are a group of final-year students from the Behavioural Sciences, Humanities, and Law Department at UCC. We are doing research on the Study of Status, Issues, and Challenges Influencing the Effectiveness of Mental Health Services and Interventions Provided within Child Care and Protection Centers in Kingston, Jamaica." You are not required to make a decision regarding your participation in the research today. You can discuss the findings with anyone you feel comfortable with before making a decision.

There might be certain terms that are unclear to you. As we go through the material, if you would like me to pause, I will take some time to explain. Anybody in the group can answer your questions if you have any later.

Purpose of Research

The foundational status, the cry for help and mental challenges rest on the shoulders of the children who are placed in state care in Kingston, Jamaica. Additionally, survey data has demonstrated that children in state care experience high levels of trauma, sadness, loneliness, crying episodes, low self-esteem, anger, and frustration. These symptoms are further linked to mental health conditions like anorexia nervosa, depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and psychosis, to mention a few. Following this discovery, a group of researchers from the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC) wishes to study the accessibility, efficacy, and obstacles of mental health services offered in Kingston, Jamaica Child Care and Protection Facilities.

Type of Research Intervention

The study will use systematic review tools such as literature reviews, questionnaires, interviews, and surveys with a focus on clinically relevant indicators, or those that ensure clinical quality.

Participant Selection

We are inviting you to participate because you will provide the team with insightful information regarding the accessibility of mental health services in state-run facilities.

Voluntary Participation

Your involvement in this study is completely voluntary. You are free to choose to take part or not. Your choice to participate or not will not affect the privacy or confidentiality of any research information. It would be quite understandable if you decide not to take part in this study endeavor given how delicate your job is and fair of victimization.

Duration

The entire duration of the research is seven (7) days. You will need to designate any twelve-two (22) state wards to

perform the interview survey and the four (4) members throughout this period.

Risks

It's likely that taking part in this research will put you at more risk than you otherwise would be. For example: Fear of losing their jobs could make caregivers unwilling to engage. However, no participant will be required to provide any personal data other than what is necessary to relate the research. Each participant will be represented by a code, and all participants will remain anonymous. The study's objective will be the exclusive use for the data gathered.

Benefits

You will not receive any payment for participating in this study. However, by taking part in this study, you will contribute to our understanding of the research topic and how to raise awareness and intervene on behalf of these state-care children who suffered from mental health illness in order to affect societal changes.

Confidentiality

The research team will guarantee data confidentiality with this study. The identities of the research participants will remain confidential. We pledge to keep the data we gather for this study endeavor private. The data that will be gathered about you for the study will be stored so that only the researchers may access it. Your name won't appear on any information about you; instead, it will be a number. We will secure your information with a lock and key so that only the researchers will know what your number is. Only [name], who will have access to the data, including research lecturers and school authorities, will get it or be allowed access to it.

Sharing the Results

The knowledge that we get from doing this research will be shared with you through email before it is made widely available to the school officials. Confidential information will not be shared.

Right to Refuse or Withdraw

This is a reconfirmation that participation is voluntary and includes the right to withdraw. You do not have to take part in this research if you do not wish to do so. There will be little to no identifiable risk involved in this study. You may experience anxiety concerning your experiences. Brief counseling will be provided to ensure you understand how to deal with these concerns. If additional counseling is required, recommendations will be made. If at any time you feel uncomfortable with participating in this study, you are allowed to withdraw from the study. Further queries or concerns can be addressed by contacting the Department of Behavioural Sciences, Humanities and Law; at the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (Applied Research) (876) 906-3000.

PART II: Certificate of Consent

I have read the foregoing information, or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about it and any questions that I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent voluntarily to participate as a participant in this research. I am entitled to a copy of this form after I have read and signed it. I voluntarily agree to participate in the Study of Status, Issues, and Challenges Influencing the Effectiveness of Mental Health Services and Interventions Provided within Child Care and Protection Centers in Kingston, Jamaica".

Print Name of Participant _____

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____
Day/month/year

If illiterate

A literate witness must sign (if possible, this person should be selected by the participant and should have no connection to the research team). Participants who are illiterate should include their thumb-print as well.

I have witnessed the accurate reading of the consent form to the potential participant, and the individual has had the opportunity to ask questions. I confirm that the individual has given consent freely.

Print name of witness _____ AND Thumb
print of participant
Signature of witness _____
Date _____
Day/month/year

Statement by the researcher/person taking consent

I have accurately read out the information sheet to the potential participant, and to the best of my ability made sure that the participant understands that the following will be done:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I confirm that the participant was given an opportunity to ask questions about the study, and all the questions asked by the participant have been answered correctly and to the best of my ability. I confirm that the individual has not been coerced into giving consent, and the consent has been given freely and voluntarily.

A copy of this Applied Research paper has been provided to the participant.

Print Name of Researcher/person taking the

consent _____
Signature of Researcher /person taking the
consent _____
Date _____
Day/month/year