

SIBLINGS OF YOUNG HOMICIDE VICTIMS: WHAT LIVES DO THEY GO ON TO LIVE?

This is an invitation to participate in a research project being conducted by Dr. Susan Tasker at the University of Victoria and Priscilla de Villiers, Research Coordinator and Consultant.

WHO?

- Brothers and sisters of young homicide* victims.
- Parents/caregivers (biological, adopted, step, foster, grandparents) of brothers and sisters of young homicide victims.
- Brothers, sisters and homicide victims were 25 years or younger at the time of the homicide.

*For this study, homicide is defined as the criminal and malicious intent to kill (i.e., *murder*).

WHAT?

- A research study exploring the lives and experiences of the brothers and sisters of young homicide victims.

WHY?

- No research has looked at the lives and experiences over the long run of brothers and sisters of young homicide victims.
- To create an awareness of brothers and sisters as secondary victims of homicide.
- This will help to support the need for change in policy and practice.

WHEN?

- The study begins in February/March 2010 and participation is welcomed from then.

HOW?

- Participation in the study involves the completion of questionnaires and the provision of some background information.
- The time it will take to complete the questionnaires and background information will vary depending on how much information you want to tell us! At minimum, participation will involve 1 to 2 hours of your time.
- Questionnaires will be completed in your own time but within 2 weeks from having the questionnaires.
- Participation is voluntary and you may withdraw from the study at any time.
- All information will be kept confidential.
- You are not required to write your name on the questionnaires. Questionnaires will be given a code number to keep information anonymous.

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Thank you for your time and consideration in participating in this study. If you would like to participate, please contact Priscilla de Villiers:

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