

Form 8 – Quarterly Interviews, Q1, Q2, and Q3

Date: _____

UConn ID: _____

Interviewer: _____

Circle one: Treatment Control

Time began: _____

Person interviewed is (circle one): Client Someone else Client & someone else

If someone else, what is their relationship to the client?
(i.e., case manager, friend, job coach, PA, etc.) _____

1. First I'd like to ask you about your current work status. People are considered to be working if they are earning any amount of money for any amount of work performed. Are you currently working according to this definition?

- 1 Yes → **Skip to question 3**
- 0 No
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused

2. When did you stop working? _____ (date)

We would like to know if there have been any (other) changes in your job or income since the last interview 3 months ago. Have you done any of the following in the past 3 months?

3. In the past 3 months, has your income increased or decreased by at least \$100 a month?

NOTE: It doesn't matter how their income has changed, e.g., wage increase, hour increase, new job, quit job...

- 1 Earned \$100 less → **Go to question 5a**
- 2 No change → **Go to question 5a**
- 3 Earned \$100 more
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused

Record any additional comments:

4. **Ask only if earned \$100 more in past 3 months:** What did you change about your work in order to earn more money in the past 3 months? (Probes: Do you increase your hours, get a new job that pays more, get a job if not employed 3 months ago, etc.)

- 5a. In the past 3 months, did you tell your employer that you can now work more hours or earn more pay?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused

- 5b. Can you tell me about that?

- 6a. In the past 3 months, have you changed the number of hours you work at your current job?

- 1 Working fewer hours
- 2 No change
- 3 Working more hours
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused

- 6b. Can you tell me about that?

7a. In the past 3 months, have you changed your job?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused

7b. Can you tell me about that?

8a. In the past 3 months, have you added another job, or did you get a job if you did not have one before?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused

8b. Can you tell me about that?

9a. I need to ask you a question about working "under the table." By "under the table" I mean working for cash that does not get reported to the government. Please remember that everything you tell us will be kept confidential and your individual answers will not be reported to the government. Do you earn any money by working "under the table"?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No → **Skip to #10**
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused

- 9b. **If YES:** Is the amount of money you earn from working under the table less, the same, or more than it was 3 months ago?
- 1 Less
 - 2 No change
 - 3 More
 - 997 Don't know
 - 998 Refused
 - 999 Not applicable

Ask Question 10 only at Quarter 2 interviews:

10. For the Benefit Offset Project, are you in the Test group or the Control group?
- 1 Test
 - 2 Control
 - 997 Don't know
 - 998 Refused

Ask 10a and 10b at All quarterly interviews:

- 10a. Has participation in the Benefits Offset Project had any impact on your employment or job?
- 1 Yes
 - 0 No → **Skip to # 11**
 - 997 Don't know
 - 998 Refused

- 10b. **If Yes or Don't know:** What impact has participation in the Project had on your job? (Can you tell me a little bit about that? When you said...., what were you thinking of?)

Ask Questions 11 – 16 only for people whose earnings have changed by \$100 (anyone who answered “Earned \$100 less” OR “Earned \$100 more” to question 3a):

11. When did your earnings change? Can you tell me the approximate date?

____ Month

____ Day

____ Year

997 Don't know

998 Refused

999 Not applicable

12. How much money do you now earn each month before taxes?

1 \$ 0 – 415

2 \$ 416 – 650

3 \$ 651 – 900

4 \$ 901 or more

997 Don't know

998 Refused

999 Not applicable

13a. Did your change in earnings affect any other benefits you may receive, such as a housing subsidy, medical benefits, private disability payments, energy assistance, or any other benefit you may receive?

1 Yes

0 No → **Skip to # 14**

997 Don't know

998 Refused

999 Not applicable

13b. How were your benefits affected? (Can you tell me about that?)

ASK 14 – 16 ONLY IF IN TREATMENT GROUP AND EARNINGS CHANGED +/- \$100

14. As a participant in the Benefit Offset Program, you are required to report any changes in your earnings. Have you reported that your earnings have changed to the Connect to Work Center?

- 1 Yes → **Skip to #17**
- 0 No
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused
- 999 Not applicable (code it N/A if do not need to ask question)

Record any comments:

15. Can you describe to me the process for how you are supposed to report your change in earnings to the Connect to Work Center?

- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused
- 999 Not applicable (code it N/A if do not need to ask question)

16. Do you have the wage change forms and the pre-addressed envelopes that you need in your benefits management folder?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No
- 997 Don't know
- 998 Refused
- 999 Not applicable (code it N/A if do not need to ask question)

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS:

17a. Since we last talked to you 3 months ago, has the amount of your SSDI cash benefit changed because your earnings changed? [Add if necessary: If your earnings have not changed in the past year, then your answer would be “No.”]

(Note: Earnings could have changed at any time since project began.)

1 Yes

0 No → **Skip to # 21 (Quarters 2 & 3, Go to end of interview)**

997 Don't know

998 Refused

999 Not applicable – Earnings have not changed → **Skip to # 21 (Quarters 2 & 3, go to end of interview)**

17b. Can you tell me about that?

18. Do you still receive an SSDI cash benefit?

1 Yes

0 No

997 Don't know

998 Refused

999 Not applicable

Record any comments:

19. How long did it take for your SSDI cash benefit to change after you reported your change in earnings?

1 Less than 1 month

2 1 – 2 months

3 More than 2 months

997 Don't know

998 Refused

999 Not applicable

Record any comments:

20. Between the time you reported your earnings change and the time your SSDI cash benefit changed, did you receive an over payment or an under payment of your SSDI cash benefit (too much or too little money from SSDI)?
- 1 Yes, Over payment
 - 2 Yes, Under payment
 - 3 Neither
 - 997 Don't know
 - 998 Refused
 - 999 Not applicable

Record any comments:

Ask Question 21 at Quarter One only (Quarters 2 and 3, Go to End of Interview)

How helpful were the following materials you received at the benefits counseling? Please tell me if each was very helpful, somewhat helpful, only a little helpful, or not helpful at all.

- 21a. The benefits management folder
- 1 Very helpful
 - 2 Somewhat helpful
 - 3 Only a little helpful
 - 4 Not helpful at all
 - 997 Don't know / do not remember
 - 998 Refused
 - 999 Did not receive benefits management folder
- 21b. The employment supports checklist
- 1 Very helpful
 - 2 Somewhat helpful
 - 3 Only a little helpful
 - 4 Not helpful at all
 - 997 Don't know / do not remember
 - 998 Refused
 - 999 Did not receive employment supports checklist

Quarters 1 and 2:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We will be calling you in 3 months to complete your (second, third) 15 minute check-in survey.

Quarter 3:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We will be calling you in 3 months to complete your 12 month interview.

Will we be able to reach you at this number?

When would be a good time to call (day of week, time)?

Time End: _____

Total Time: _____