

## **Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records**

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records maintained by this program is protected by federal law and regulations.

Generally, the program may not say to a person outside the program that a client attends the program or disclose any information identifying a client as an alcohol or drug abuser unless:

The client consents in writing

The disclosure is allowed by a court order

The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency

The disclosure is made to qualified personnel for research, audit or program evaluation

The client commits or threatens to commit a crime either at the program or against any person who works for the program

Violations of the federal law and regulations by a program are crimes. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with federal regulations (see 45 USC 290dd-3 and 42 USC 290-3 for federal laws and 42 CFR part 2 for federal regulations).

Federal law and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under state law to appropriate state or local authorities.