



## **CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE CLIENT RECORDS**

Federal law and regulations protect the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse client records maintained by this program. Generally, the program may not say to a person outside the program that a client attends the program, has previously attended the program or disclose any information identifying a client as an treatment participant unless:

1. The client consents in writing
2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order or
3. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit, or program evaluation.
4. The disclosure is made to protect the client or another person from serious injury.

Confidentiality applies once a person has been referred or made application to the program, throughout treatment, and after completion of treatment or discharge.

Federal law and regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a client either at the program or against any person who works for the program or about any threat to commit such a crime.

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

Violation of the Federal law and regulations may be reported to a United States Attorney or to the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

(See 42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 42 U.S.C. 290ee-3 for Federal laws and 42 CFR part 2 for Federal regulations.)