

YOUTHNET

CONFIDENTIALITY & RELEASE OF INFORMATION / WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

CONFIDENTIALITY

As a Youthnet foster parent, foster home household member, or foster parent's childcare volunteer, you will have access to privileged information regarding children and families. This information must always be treated with respect and discretion to preserve the trust of the child and their legal rights to privacy and confidentiality.

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 74.15.030 WAC 110-148-1410 prohibits disclosing information about clients to anyone except for the purpose of providing services. You cannot disclose this information to friends, relatives, neighbors, or anyone else not directly involved in carrying out the case plan for that specific child.

You must always exercise special caution in discussing client information in any circumstances where it can be overheard by children or any party who should not be privy to that information. Information regarding natural families, previous placement histories, psychological testing, etc. should not be shared with other children in the home, other staff or foster parents without a signed release of information and authorization of the assigned social worker. Youthnet staff will abide by all contractual obligations of confidentiality. If you are a part of Youthnet trainings, meetings, or support groups, all information shall be kept within the confines of the group. In group trainings/meetings outside of Youthnet, please refer to cases only in general terms and for training purposes only. Youthnet foster families and staff also have the right to confidentiality regarding information shared with Human Resources or program staff.

Information of any kind cannot be released to the press. Social, legal, school, and health information may be shared with appropriate agencies or persons who have a legitimate need for the information and a signed release form. If you have any questions about that information, please discuss with the child's teacher, counselor, doctor, or Youthnet Case Manager.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION / WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I understand that I may have a right to confidentiality of some information gathered or obtained by the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), in connection with becoming a Youthnet foster parent, foster home household member, or foster parent's childcare volunteer. This information might include criminal history, child protective services history, family reconciliation services, child welfare services and/or licensing information. Child protective services (CPS) information may be "founded", "inconclusive", "unfounded", "information only" or "third party" information. I understand that not all the information listed above is confidential and that some information may be released without my consent. I also understand that DCYF is not authorized to release confidential information about me unless permitted by me or by law.

Specific information to be released: Any relevant background information having been obtained by the Washington State Patrol, FBI fingerprint, or FAMLINK check, including old CPS referrals, which relate to my suitability to have unsupervised access to children in care or developmentally disabled adults in care.

Understanding that I have a right to confidentiality, I hereby waive that right in order to permit Youthnet to have access to all information as listed above. I authorize and direct DCYF to provide full access to the above listed information to Youthnet.

This release of information / waiver of confidentiality is voluntarily signed.

I have read, understand and will comply with Youthnet's Confidentiality Procedures. I reviewed and will comply with all contractual obligations regarding confidentiality.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____