

Data License

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Child File

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- g. **NCANDS** National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System
- h. **NDACAN** National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect at Cornell University acting on behalf of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

II. Requirements of Investigators, Research Staff, and Receiving Institutions

- a. Investigators must hold a faculty appointment or research position at the Receiving Institution.
- b. Research Staff must have an official affiliation with the Receiving Institution.
- c. The Receiving Institution must be an institution of higher education, research organization, or government agency that is registered with the U.S. Office for Human Research Protections, or can demonstrate a record of using sensitive data according to commonly-accepted standards of research ethics.

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IV. APPROPRIATE Uses of the Restricted Data

- a. The Restricted Data will be used solely for statistical purposes as defined in section I.b. above and not for any administrative, regulatory, law enforcement, or adjudicatory purpose.
- b. Linking the Restricted Data to any datasets at the individual level is prohibited without written authorization from NDACAN.

V. LIMITED Access to the Restricted Data

- a. Access to the Restricted Data will be limited solely to the Investigator and authorized Research Staff. The data may not be "loaned" or otherwise conveyed to anyone other than the signatories to this License.
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- b. The Investigator will maintain annual contact with NDACAN, providing updated contact information and confirming the list of authorized Research Staff.
- c. In all publications, the Investigator and Research Staff will include the following acknowledgement and disclaimer:

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- a. When Research Staff join the project, they will submit the Supplemental Agreement with Research Staff. Research Staff may not access the Restricted Data until the Supplemental Agreement has been approved.
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X. Items Incorporated by Reference

- a. The Supplemental Agreement with Research Staff is incorporated by reference into this License.
- b. The Application for the NCANDS Child File is incorporated by reference into this License.

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