



**CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENT AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING CONFIDENTIALITY**

All reports made and information collected regarding child abuse and neglect reports maintained by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (“SCDSS”), local child protective service agencies, and the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect are confidential (South Carolina Code Annotated Section 63-7-1990(A)). Additionally, no officer, agent, or employee of SCDSS or child welfare agency shall directly or indirectly disclose information learned about children, their parents or relatives or other persons having custody and or control of them (South Carolina Code Annotated Section 63-11-80).

Pursuant to South Carolina Code Annotated Regulation 24-1, all Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) members and Foster Care Review Division (FCRD) staff, including temporary staff or unpaid staff, must comply with these confidentiality requirements. FCRB members and FCRD staff are also subject to the penalties associated with violating these laws. FCRB members and FCRD staff may discuss case information among themselves as needed to discharge their official duties. Other discussions regarding these cases should be held only with agency and court representatives who are bound to comparable standards of confidentiality and who are directly involved with the specific child’s case.

If a person is convicted of disseminating or permitting dissemination of records or information contained in records, the person must be fined not more than one thousand five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both (South Carolina Code Annotated Section 63-7-1990(A)). If a person is convicted of directly or indirectly disclosing information learned about children, their parents or relatives or other persons having custody or control of them, the person may be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both (South Carolina Code Annotated 63-11-90).

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by these statutory and regulatory requirements regarding maintaining confidentiality.

Signature

Printed Name

Date