



Guidelines for Confidentiality

Ethical guidelines for research dictate that the privacy and confidentiality of research participants and the participating facilities be protected. Toward this end, researchers using the Pathways to Life Quality Study data must be aware of and adhere to the following guidelines:

- In publications, presentations or personal communications, no identifying personal information about a respondent should be communicated. Unique or detailed personal information which could lead to the identification of the subject should not be reported.
- The facilities participating in our study have been given our assurance that the information will **not** be used in any way that will cast an unfavorable light upon **their** organization. Therefore, when comparisons between facilities or between types of facilities are made, the identities of the specific facilities must not, under any circumstances, be divulged.
- Because of the confidential nature of the information we have gathered, researchers are not to share the data files with their colleagues or students. If a researcher would like access to this information they are to contact the Co-Principal Investigators for permission to use the data. All people using the data must sign a pledge of confidentiality.

Pledge of Confidentiality

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the Confidentiality Guidelines and agree to act in accordance with it. Specifically, I pledge to:

- Preserve the confidentiality of the respondents who participated in the study
- Preserve the confidentiality of the facilities who cooperated with the study
- Acknowledge the Pathways project and the researchers who have worked on the project in all publications and presentations.

Signature

Date

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Acknowledgement Statement

Please acknowledge in all publications, papers and presentations that:

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