



Adolescent Confidentiality Policy

We encourage you to share information about your health with your parents or guardians. However, Georgia law allows teenagers to receive some health care services on their own. Health care providers have to keep those services **CONFIDENTIAL**. "Confidential" means that we will only share this information if you say it's alright.

These confidential services are:

- Pregnancy care (including pregnancy tests)
- Requests for contraceptives (birth control)
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections
- HIV / AIDS testing
- Medical services and counseling for drug or alcohol abuse

In some situations, we are required by law or by the guidelines of our profession to disclose information whether or not we have your permission. These situations include when:

- You tell us you plan to cause serious harm or death to yourself or someone else, and we believe you have the intent and ability to carry out this threat in the very near future. We must take steps to inform a parent or guardian of what you have told us and how serious we believe this threat to be. We must make sure that you are protected from harming yourself or someone else.
- You tell me you are being abused (physically, sexually or emotionally) or that you have been abused in the past. In this situation, we are required by law to report the abuse to the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS).