

Carolina Population Center / Sociometrics

Data Purchase and Use Agreement for The National Longitudinal Survey Of Adolescent Health, Waves I & II

Proposed Use of Add Health Data: _____

The National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health) collected data for the purpose of providing information on the general health and well-being of adolescents in the United States, including, with respect to such adolescents, information on: (1) the behaviors that promote health and the behaviors that are detrimental to health; and (2) the influence on health of factors particular to the communities in which adolescents reside. By entering into this agreement, the undersigned agrees to use these data only for the purpose for which they were obtained; any effort to determine the identity of any reported case, or to use the information for any purpose other than for statistical reporting and analysis, would be in violation of this agreement. Although the Carolina Population Center does all it can to assure the identities of individuals, households, schools, and communities cannot be ascertained, it may be possible to determine from the data set the identity of particular individuals, households, schools, and communities. Considerable harm could ensue if this were done.

Therefore, the undersigned gives the following assurances with respect to the Add Health data sets.

- You will not use nor permit others to use the data in the Add Health data sets in any way except for research and aggregate statistical reporting;
- You will require others who are part of your research team who use the data to sign this agreement and will keep those signed agreements and make them available to the Carolina Population Center upon request;
- You will not release nor permit others to release any information that identifies individuals, households, schools, and communities, directly or indirectly;
- You will not release nor permit others to release the data sets or any part of them to any person who is not a member of your research team, except with the approval of the Carolina Population Center;
- You will not attempt to link nor permit others to attempt to link the Add Health data set with individually identifiable records from any other source;
- You will not attempt to use nor permit others to use the data sets to learn the identity of any individual, household, school or community included in any Add Health data set;

- You will not use nor permit others to use the data concerning individual schools or communities (1) for commercial or competitive purposes involving those individual schools or communities or (2) to report data that could identify, directly or by inference, individual schools or communities.
- If the identity of any individual, household, school or community be discovered inadvertently by you or by a member of your research team, then (1) no use will be made of this knowledge, (2) the Carolina Population Center will be advised of the incident, (3) the information that would identify an individual will be safe-guarded or destroyed as requested by the Carolina Population Center, and (4) no one else will be informed of the discovered identity; and,
- You will acknowledge in all reports based on these data. Suggested acknowledgment:

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In order to avoid inadvertent disclosure, the undersigned also agrees to abide by the following guidelines in the release of statistics derived from the data set:

- A. In no table should all cases in any row or column be found in a single cell;
- B. In no case should the total figure of a row or column of a cross-tabulation be less than 50;
- C. In no case should a quantity figure based on a count of 10 or less be presented for an age-sex category for a community with a total population of 200 or less;
- D. In no case should an age-sex quantity figure be based upon fewer than 10 cases;
- E. In no case should a quantity figure be published if one case contributes more than 60 percent of the amount;
- F. In no case should data on an identifiable case, nor any of the kinds of data listed in preceding items A-D, be derivable through subtraction or other calculation from the combination of tables released on a given study; and,
- G. Data released should never permit disclosure when used in combination with other known data.

