

**RHODE ISLAND ADULT DRUG COURT
SUPERIOR COURT
250 BENEFIT STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The undersigned hereby agrees to the following procedures relating to the use of confidential information which may be acquired during sessions of the Rhode Island Adult Drug Court.

First, discussions at Drug Court team conferences and sessions are confidential, not only because of legal concerns, but also to promote trust and fairness within the Drug Court program. Part of the Federal legal requirements is that all members of the Drug Court team are bound by the redisclosure provisions as set out in Title 42, Part 2 of the CFR.

Second, the Department of the Attorney General will not use information acquired during Drug Court conferences or sessions to prosecute the participant for additional offenses relating to his/her treatment. This does not include information of crimes involving child neglect, child abuse, crimes committed at treatment, crimes against treatment personnel, or crimes involving a substantial risk of death or serious bodily harm.

Third, the team approach to drug treatment requires the free flow of information to promote the Drug Court mission. However, it is understood that team members may be subject to legal and ethical restrictions on disclosures, which may prevent them from discussing certain aspects relating to the participant.

Fourth, all written and computer records relating to Drug Court participants will be securely kept in a locked room or password protected computer file as required by Federal Law.

The Drug Court team understands that this memorandum is only a blueprint for the sharing, use, and storage of information acquired in Drug Court and may be altered by the Rhode Island Adult Drug Court at any time without the participant's consent. The undersigned has read and understands this agreement and the acceptance of its terms is the result of free deliberation and not the product of force or coercion.

Signature of Participant

Rhode Island Adult Drug Court
Representative

Signature of Participant's Attorney

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Attorney General

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Date

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