

## LINCOLN REGIONAL CENTER

### CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE CLIENT RECORDS

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse client records maintained by this facility is protected by Federal law and regulations. Generally, the facility may not disclose to anyone outside the facility that a client attends the facility, or disclose any information identifying a client as an alcohol or drug abuser unless:

- 1) The client or their legal representative consents in writing;
- 2) The disclosure is allowed by a court order; or
- 3) The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit, or facility evaluation.

Violation of the Federal law and regulations by a facility is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with Federal regulations.

Federal law and regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a client either at the facility or against any person who works for the facility or about any threat to commit such a crime.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under State law to appropriate State or local authorities.