Sec. 17a-210-12. General nature and purpose of personal data systems

The Department of Mental Retardation maintains the following personal data systems:

(a) **Personnel Records**

(1) Personnel records are maintained at the location where the individual is employed or which has the individual on its payroll.

(2) Personnel Records are maintained in both manual and automated forms.

(3) The purpose of the personnel records system is to provide data necessary for personnel and payroll management activities and/or to satisfy the requirements of state or federal laws.

(4) Personal data in these records are maintained under authority of Sec. 5-193 through 5-269, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(5) Categories of personal data may include address, phone number, social security number, birth date, sex, race, educational history, licensure or certification, employment history, financial information, emergency contact person, medical or emotional condition or history, disciplinary action, reputation or character information and conviction records.

(6) These records are maintained on applicants for employment and on current and former employees of the department.

(7) These records are routinely used by employees of the department who are assigned responsibility for personnel, payroll and employment-related activities.

(b) Fiscal Records

(1) Fiscal records are maintained at the department's central office at 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 and at each region and training school location.

(2) Fiscal records are maintained in both manual and automated forms.

(3) The purpose of the fiscal records system is to maintain vendor payment records, personal services contracts, Medicaid billing, insurance billing, reimbursement records for employee travel expenses, records of private donations, client accounts, activity fund, general fund, and to reflect activities required to secure federal and state funding for programs of the department and its grantees.

(4) Routine sources of data in these records may include donors, vendors, employees, clients, contractors, grantees and other state and federal agencies.

(5) Categories of personal data maintained in this system may include birth date, educational history, licensure or certification, employment history, and financial information.

(6) Categories of other data maintained in this system may include address, telephone number, social security number, employee number, provider information, FEIN, fee amount, case number, client account number, information pertaining to department application for and receipt of state and federal payments, Medicaid/Medicare provider number and insuring billing.

(7) These records are maintained on current and former donors, vendors, contractors, grantees, clients, and employees.

(8) These records are routinely used by employees of the department who are assigned responsibility to manage the grants, contracts, vendor payments, Medicaid billing, insurance billing, donations, and employee travel reimbursements.

(c) Affirmative Action Records

(1) Affirmative action records are maintained at the location where the individual is employed or where the individual is on the payroll.

(2) Affirmative action records are maintained in both manual and automated forms.

(3) The purpose of the system is to provide data for monitoring and revising department affirmative action plans and implementing affirmative action discrimination, and sexual harassment complaint procedures.

(4) Affirmative action records are the responsibility of the Affirmative Action Administrator, Department of Mental Retardation, 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

(5) Personal data in these records are maintained under authority of Section 46a-51 through 46a-104, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(6) Categories of personal data maintained in this system may include birth date, age, sex, race, educational history, employment history, existence of disability, medical history, discrimination and/or sexual harassment complaints, and administrative investigation material.

(7) These records are kept on current and former employees of the department.

(8) These records are routinely used by affirmative action staff in affirmative action and equal employment opportunity monitoring and complaint resolution.

(d) Client Records

(1) Client records are maintained at the location where the client receives services. Master records, including information regarding eligibility, are kept in regional offices or satellite offices.

(2) Client records are maintained in both manual and automated forms.

(3) The client records system serves several purposes including: collecting preliminary demographic and clinical data to determine eligibility of an individual for services; documenting admission, diagnosis, treatment planning, treatment process, care, service delivery; case management of client; transition or discharge planning; documenting quality assurance; monitoring of treatment planning and service delivery; providing complete demographic and clinical data on clients; and providing a baseline of information for billing purposes.

(4) The personal data records in this system are the responsibility of the appropriate region or training school of the department.

(5) Routine sources of data in these records may include the client, family members, friends, health care and other service providers, treatment staff, other state or federal agencies and the judicial system.

(6) Categories of personal data maintained in this system may include birth date, sex, race, social and family history, religious preference, educational and employment histories, voter registration status, financial, medical and emotional condition or history, plan of service, legal status, name of legal representative or guardian, complaints, incident reports and investigation materials, and provider information.

(7) Categories of other data maintained in this system may include social security number, case number, Medicaid/Medicare numbers, client identification number, correspondence, referral sources, demographic admissions data and the names of individuals authorized to access the records.

(8) These records are maintained on current and former clients.

(9) These records are routinely used by staff who are assigned care and treatment planning and responsibilities for the clients, by staff who have quality assurance monitoring responsibilities and by staff who have responsibility for administrative reporting of census, diagnosis, demographic data and billing information.

(e) Early Intervention Records

(1) Early Connections Program

(A) The early connections records are maintained in the office of the Superintendent of the Unified School District 3 at 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 and each location where an early connection program operates.

(B) Records are maintained in both manual and automated forms.

(C) The purpose of the system is to maintain educational records of individuals served through early connections and to document and record the administration functions.

(D) The Superintendent of the Unified School District 3 is the custodian of records for the early connections program. All requests for disclosure or amendments to these records should be submitted to the superintendent. The superintendent may appoint regional designees to assist in this function.

(E) Categories of personal data maintained in this system may include the child's name, address, date of birth, parents/guardians, sex, race, teachers, medical records, standardized test scores, and private and public education agencies.

(F) Personal data are collected and maintained and used under authority of Section 17a-248 to 17a-248b, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(G) Records are used by the early connection staff to reflect educational programs and services provided to individuals enrolled in the early connection program.

(2) Birth To Three System

(A) The Birth to Three System records are maintained in the office of the System Director at 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, and at each location where a Birth to Three Program operates.

(B) Records are kept in both manual and automated forms. Personal information at the single point of intake and at the regional offices is only kept in automated forms.

(C) The purpose of the system is to maintain early intervention records of individuals served through the Birth to Three System and to document and record the administrative functions.

(D) The System Director is the custodian of records for the Birth to Three System. All requests for disclosure or amendments to these records should be made to the System Director. The director may appoint designees at each program site to assist in this function.

(E) Categories of personal data maintained in this system may include the child's name, address, date of birth, parents/guardians, sex, race, teachers and therapists, medical records, private or other public agencies involved.

(F) Personal data are collected and maintained and used under authority of Section 17a-248 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(G) Records are used by the birth to three staff and providers of service to reflect early intervention programs and services provided to individuals enrolled in the birth to three system.

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