

209.140 Confidentiality of information.

- (1) All information obtained by the department staff or its delegated representative, as a result of an investigation made pursuant to this chapter, shall not be divulged to anyone except:
 - (a) Persons suspected of abuse or neglect or exploitation, provided that in such cases names of informants may be withheld, unless ordered by the court;
 - (b) Persons within the department or cabinet with a legitimate interest or responsibility related to the case;
 - (c) Other medical, psychological, or social service agencies, or law enforcement agencies that have a legitimate interest in the case;
 - (d) Cases where a court orders release of such information;
 - (e) The alleged abused or neglected or exploited person; and
 - (f) The Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman established pursuant to KRS 43.035.
- (2) This section shall not be interpreted as prohibiting the Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman from reporting pursuant to KRS 43.035 on de-identified information made confidential by this section.

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