

Glossary of Terms

Anonymous

Information which cannot be traced back to a particular individual by the researcher.

Example: a research identification number assigned by CPCC and provided to the researcher.

Child (Minor)

CPCC considers a child to be a person under 18 years of age at the time the research is conducted.

Confidential

Information which can be traced back to an individual, but the information has been masked to protect the individual's privacy.

Conflict of Interest

Situation in which research may be influenced by an investigator's outside connections or interests.

Please see "Potential Conflicts of Interest" for examples.

Deception

False or incomplete information given to research participants with the intent to mislead.

Incentives / Payments

Includes monetary and non-monetary inducements, including meals or the opportunity to win a prize by participating in the research study.

Informed Consent

Research subject has full and complete understanding of the potential risks and negative outcomes involved with participation in research study.

Privacy

The protection of research information such that the research participants are not subjected to public attention.

Research

A systematic investigation conducted for the process of gaining knowledge.

Human Subject

A living individual who either participates directly in the research, or about whom the researcher obtains private information which can be used to identify the participant.

Vulnerable Population

Research subjects who may be exposed to physical or non-physical harm through participation in a study. Vulnerable populations include but are not limited to children (minors), incarcerated offenders, people with physical or mental impairment, members of the homeless community, victims of domestic abuse, members of an immigrant community, or financially disadvantaged students.