National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health
Data Use Agreement

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health) collected data for the purpose of providing information on the general health and well-being of adolescents in the United States, including, with respect to such adolescents, information on: (1) the behaviors that promote health and the behaviors that are detrimental to health; and (2) the influence on health of factors particular to the communities in which adolescents reside.   By downloading these data, you agree to use them only for the purpose for which they were obtained; any effort to determine the identity of any reported case, or to use the information for any purpose other than for statistical reporting and analysis, would be in violation of the intended use of these data.   Although Add Health does all it can to assure the identities of individuals, households, schools, and communities cannot be ascertained, it may be possible to determine from the dataset the identity of particular individuals, households, schools, and communities.   Considerable harm could ensue if this were done.

Therefore, by downloading and using these data you give the following assurances with respect to the Add Health data:

- You will not use nor permit others to use the data in the Add Health datasets in any way except for classes, research, and aggregate statistical reporting.   In order to avoid inadvertent disclosure, you agree to abide by the following guidelines in the release of statistics derived from the datasets:

   A.   In no table should all cases in any row or column be found in a single cell;
   B.   In no case should the total figure of a row or column of a cross-tabulation be fewer than (3);
   C.   In no case should a cell frequency of a cross-tabulation be fewer than three (3) cases;
   D.   In no case should a quantity figure be based on fewer than three (3) cases.
   E.   Data released should never permit disclosure when used in combination with other known data.

- You will not release nor permit others to release any information that identifies individuals, households, schools, and communities, directly or indirectly.

- You will not release nor permit others to release the dataset or any part of it to any person.

- You will not attempt to link nor permit others to attempt to link the Add Health dataset with individually identifiable records from any other source.

- You will not attempt to use nor permit others to use the dataset to learn the identity of any individual, household, school, or community included in any Add Health dataset.

- You will not use nor permit others to use the data concerning individual schools or communities (1) for commercial or competitive purposes involving those individual schools or communities or (2) to report data that could identify, directly or by inference, individual schools or communities.

- If the identity of any individual, household, school, or community be discovered inadvertently by you or by a member of your research team, then (1) no use will be made of this knowledge, (2) Add Health will be advised of the incident, (3) the information that would identify an individual will be safe-guarded or destroyed as requested by Add Health, and (4) no one else will be informed of the discovered identity.

- You will include in all papers and reports based on these data the following acknowledgment:

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