

**RCW 70.123.076 – Confidentiality**

A domestic violence program ... shall not disclose information about a recipient of shelter, advocacy, or counseling services without the informed authorization of the recipient.

**RCW 5.60.060(8) – Privilege**

A domestic violence advocate may not, without the consent of the victim, be examined as to any communication between the victim and the domestic violence advocate.

**RCW 70.123.075- Client records, confidentiality and exceptions to confidentiality**

Domestic violence program records about participants are confidential (with some narrow exceptions for judicial review)

**RCW 26.44.020 (18)- Exposure to DV is not reportable**

Poverty, homelessness or exposure to domestic violence that is perpetrated against someone other than the child does not constitute negligent treatment or maltreatment in and of itself.

**RCW 26.44.030 (11)- Duty to warn/mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect**

**Important WAC Guidelines for DV Programs and Confidentiality**

**WAC 388-61A-1055- What information must be in a client's file?**

**WAC 388-61A-1060- What information must be kept confidential?**

**WAC 388-61A-1065- What info may be disclosed?**

**WAC 388-61A-1070- What are the requirements for written waiver of confidentiality?**

**WAC 388-61A-1075- what must you provide to clients about their right to confidentiality?**