consultation teams, who are investigating a report of known or suspected child abuse or neglect or who are providing services to a child or family that is the subject of the report;

- (3) To local or State officials responsible for the administration of the child protective service OR CHILD CARE LICENSING AND REGULATIONS as necessary to carry out their official functions;
- (4) To a person who is the alleged child abuser or the person who is suspected of child neglect if that person is responsible for the child's welfare and provisions are made for the protection of the identity of the reporter or any other person whose life or safety is likely to be endangered by disclosing the information;
- (5) To a licensed practitioner who, or an agency, institution, or program which is providing treatment or care to a child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect <u>FOR A PURPOSE RELEVANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE TREATMENT OR CARE</u>;
- (6) To a parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care and custody of a child, if provisions are made for the protection of the identity of the reporter or any other person whose life or safety is likely to be endangered by disclosing the information; [or]
- (7) To the appropriate public school superintendent for the purpose of carrying out appropriate personnel actions following a report of suspected child abuse involving a student committed by a public school employee in that school system[.]; OR
- (8) TO THE DIRECTOR OF A LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY OR LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOLLOWING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD NEGLECT OR ABUSE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FACILITY OR AGENCY AND INVOLVING A CHILD WHO IS CURRENTLY OR WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY UNDER THAT FACILITY OR AGENCY'S CARE.
 - (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit:
- (1) The publication, for administrative or research purposes, of statistics or other data so classified as to prevent the identification of particular persons or cases;
- (2) The Department of Human Resources from obtaining an individual's financial records from a fiduciary institution in the course of verifying the individual's eligibility for public assistance; or
- (3) Disclosures as permitted by § 1-303 of the Financial Institutions Article [of the Code].
- (d) The [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES shall issue regulations governing access to and use of confidential information which is in the possession of the [Administration] DEPARTMENT or local departments of social services.