

### Have data sharing questions?

Here are some answers from a current COMET Client

*Do you get written consent from families to participate specifically in COMET?*

No, not specifically. We obtain written consent from families to participate in our programs. The COMET data system is a part of our programs – used for data management, reporting, evaluation and casework management; individuals do not enroll in COMET themselves.



*How do you plan to share all this information with schools?*

We will share information with schools only with parent consent to release child specific information, or as an aggregate with no personally identifiable information. User access is controlled by COMET. The COMET system is very secure and access is not offered to anyone without specific training and expectations for use.

*How do you make referrals to other organizations and how do you share information?*

We obtain signed releases and consent forms from families before making service referrals or sharing information. COMET has the capability to allow PDFs to be uploaded. It is there that we will maintain records of signed releases and consent.

*What should be done with health-related information, particularly considering HIPPA regulations?*

The issue of releasing birth records and any health-related information needs to be shared with your legal counsel and the appropriate health institution's attorney. These are important conversations to have early and often, and it all needs to be addressed as a part of the effort to work together to meet community goals while protecting personal information.