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INFORMATION SHEET**

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- We will not ask you about child [or vulnerable adult] abuse, but if you tell us about child [or vulnerable adult] abuse or neglect, we may be required or permitted by law or policy to report to authorities.

If you have questions about the Certificate of Confidentiality, contact the study team:

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