



Privacy Statement

This privacy statement is applicable to www.thechildrenscenterinc.org and the public web sites directly created and maintained by The Children's Center, Inc. in Galveston, Texas (TCCI). The following statement applies to the public and addresses the types and use of information gathered on the children's center web site.

TCCI does not collect personally identifiable information about individuals except when individuals intentionally provide such information in a question, transaction, on a web form or other web-based communication sent to TCCI. Personally identifiable information sent to TCCI, such as an email message requesting information on a service provided, may be seen and addressed by staff for the purposes necessary to serve a message sender's needs. It will not be sold or otherwise transferred to unaffiliated third parties without a visitor's explicit consent or unless required by law.

TCCI may collect non-personal information—items such as date & time, a visitor's web browser and version, the pages visited and the referring site—to perform statistical analyses of user trends and interests and to generate general reports based on this information, ultimately to better serve the users of this resource. This non-personal information is stored in server logs and again, will not be sold or otherwise transferred unless required by law.

Users also should be aware that non-personal information and data may be automatically collected through the use of "cookies," small text files a site can use to recognize repeat visitors and enhance a user's access to and use of a site. Generally, cookies work by assigning visitors a unique number that has no meaning outside a specific site. Cookies are not programs that go onto a user's system and damage files. Information that TCCI may collect or store in cookies is used for internal purposes only and is not sold or shared. Most web browsers also give users the ability to decline any "cookies" they may be offered by TCCI or others; browser "Help" files offer more information on this feature.

Additionally, users should be aware that when they voluntarily disclose personally identifiable information (e.g., user name, e-mail address) on the public bulletin boards or discussion groups that information and any electronic "conversation" can be collected and used by non-TCCI parties.

Likewise, electronic mail and other Internet communications are not always secure against interception. TCCI has security measures and practices in place to help protect a visitor's privacy and prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of information sent to the university.

Please address any questions about TCCI's privacy policy and practices, or use of this web site, to clemmiewhite@thechildrenscenterinc.org Or, write to the children's center via the postal service at PO Box 2600, Galveston, TX, 77550-2600.

This policy is effective August 2013. TCCI reserves the right to modify this policy by notifying users of the existence of a new privacy statement. This statement and the policies outlined are not intended to and do not create any contractual or other legal rights in or on behalf of any party.