

# SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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## POLICY 2.17 RESEARCH

- A. All staff and persons external to the program wishing to utilize the service recipients, staff and/or facilities of the Board's programs for research purposes, should direct a formal research proposal to the superintendent. Such proposals shall include a detailed description of the intended research, including:
1. A statement of purpose, indicating the anticipated contribution to current knowledge in the field of developmental disabilities.
  2. A description of all procedures and methodology pertaining to direct or indirect contact with people associated with the program.
  3. Criteria for selection of subject population: age range, disability qualifications, preferred location, etc.
  4. Specification of the time involvement of each staff member and/or service recipient participating in the research.
  5. Specific provisions for the protection of service recipients' rights regarding confidentiality and informed consent to participate.
  6. Information regarding any college or university course for which credit hours will be accumulated as a result of the project.
  7. Parent/guardian permission and/or self-signed adult permission forms, which must be completed for all service recipients prior to their participation.
  8. Recommendations from the University Human Subjects Committee, or similar body, if the proposal originated at the university level.
- B. The superintendent will critically review the research proposal. All proposals will be evaluated for their assurance of participant's rights, feasibility of implementation, value to the Board's programs, and contribution to the field of developmental disabilities. If the proposal is approved, arrangements will be made to implement the proposed project.