
ABCD Study - Data protection

Privacy policy

Please read this privacy policy addressed to families participating in the ABCD project carefully, as agreeing to participate in the project means that you have read, understood and accept it without reservations.

1. Who is the person responsible for processing the data?

The data are managed by the «Laboratori Humà» research group of the «Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona» (UAB), located at «Campus Universitari, 08193 Bellaterra» (Cerdanyola del Vallés), Barcelona, Spain. The person in charge is Dr. Albert Bonillo, and his e-mail address is albert.bonillo@uab.cat.

2. What data do we use?

First of all, we request the following information about each participating family for the purpose of following up and monitoring in later phases of the project:

- Phone number
- E-mail address
- Zip code / Home address

Later on, we will request the following details about the minor in your care who is participating in the study:

- Name and surname of the minor
- Date of birth
- Name of school
- Information on the behavior and personality characteristics of the minor

In the determining the data required, the principle of minimizing personal data required by data protection regulations has been applied.

3. How do we obtain the data, and where do they come from?

The family contact details are provided by you, and information about the minor is provided by you and the academic tutor, with the exception of details relating to academic results, which are requested from the Department of Education of the “Generalitat de Catalunya”.

4. What do we use the data for?

The information and data are gathered for the main purpose of research as part of the ABCD project. The main objectives of this project are as follows: To know the different developmental profiles of adaptive and maladaptive behaviors in boys and girls, as well as the different ways in which they manifest themselves, in the early stage of schooling. The ultimate aim is to study the risk and protective factors associated with early social-emotional and academic difficulties, and to contribute to the children’s well-being. The data will be gathered thanks to the contributions of various informants (parents/legal guardians and teachers), in accordance with recommendations on behavioral assessment in child populations.

We inform you that these data will be processed according to Article 5 of the Organic Law 3/2018, December 5, on the Protection of Personal Data, and that the personal data handled in this project are safeguarded by the person responsible for the protection of personal data of the Human Laboratory Group of the UAB, Professor Albert Bonillo (albert.bonillo@uab.cat). They will be kept and processed with the consent of the persons involved, and only for the ABCD project research purposes. As regards your data, you may exercise your rights of access, rectification, deletion, limitation of processing, portability or disconformity by contacting the person in charge.

Likewise, the data can be used to contact the person responsible for the minor during the duration of the project and any subsequent follow-up for scientific research purposes, if the family so authorizes it.

5. How long will your data be kept for?

The data must be kept for the time necessary to fulfill the purposes indicated. When the study has been completed and the data analyzed, the database will first be anonymized and then made available to the international scientific community in a repository, following research guidelines.

6. Who has access to your data?

The staff of the «Laboratori Humà» research group linked to the ABCD project has access to your data.

Access by third parties must be carried out by applying the necessary security measures to guarantee the confidentiality and secure treatment of the data.

7. What are your rights in relation to the information and data we process?

You have the right to withdraw from the study at any time without giving any explanation, and without negative consequences; you only have to inform us of your decision by any means. Furthermore, you have the right to access your data, request the rectification of inaccurate data or, if necessary, its deletion. You also have the right to limit its treatment, and express your disconformity with it.

These rights can be exercised before the Human Laboratory of the «Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona» (UAB) located at the University Campus, 08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallés), Barcelona, Spain, or through the following e-mail address: Albert.Bonillo@uab.cat. You also have the right to submit complaints to the Catalan Data Protection Authority (<https://apdcat.gencat.cat/ca/contacte>), and you can contact the UAB data protection delegate (proteccio.dades@uab.cat), whenever you consider it necessary.

In any case, you will receive a written response of the action taken within the legally established timeframe.

For more information, you can visit the research group's website: <https://webs.uab.cat/estudiabcd/>.

8. How is the information protected?

The UAB Human Laboratory has adopted the necessary technical and organizational measures to guarantee the security of information handling, maintain the confidentiality of the data and avoid loss or undue access by unauthorized persons. During the study, the data will be properly pseudonymized and, at the end of the study, presented in an anonymized and aggregated form.