The Belmont Report outlines the fundamental principles for rules governing all government-funded research on human subjects. Three principles are relevant here:

1. **Respect for persons**: recognition of the personal dignity and autonomy of people and the need for special protection for people with diminished autonomy, such as children or prisoners;

2. **Beneficence**: obligation to protect persons from harm by maximizing anticipated benefits and minimizing possible risks;

3. **Justice**: fairness in distribution of the benefits and burdens of research.