

Mandated Reporting

People who work with children and/or families are legally required to report suspected abuse or neglect if they know *or have reason to believe* a child is being abused or neglected or has been in the preceding 3 years.

Who Should Report

- ◆ You are each individually responsible to report abuse/neglect directly
- ◆ Any INTERNAL POLICIES you have DO NOT MITIGATE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

What Concerns to Report

- ◆ **Physical Abuse/Mental Injury**
 - Injurious or threatened physical harm
 - Injury to the intellectual or psychological capacity
- ◆ **Neglect**
 - Failure to provide for or ensure a child's needs are met (Food, clothing, shelter, medical care, supervision, protection, special needs, or education)
- ◆ **Sexual Abuse**
 - Subjugation of a child to sexual contact or threatened contact

When to Report Abuse or Neglect

- ◆ Imminent danger – contact the police/law enforcement ***immediately***
- ◆ Oral report immediately by telephone
 - as soon as possible* but not longer than 24 hours
- ◆ Follow up with written report within 72 hours of oral report (excluding weekends and holidays)
- ◆ When in doubt – REPORT

Who to Report to

- ◆ Report to Child Protection in county that the child resides in
- ◆ **Washington County Social Services Intake: (651) 430-6457**
- ◆ **Ramsey County Social Services: (651) 266-4500**
- ◆ **Dakota County Social Services: (952) 891-7400**
- ◆ **Chisago County Social Services: (651) 213-0324**
- ◆ **Anoka County Social Services: (763) 422-7125**
- ◆ **911 – EMERGENCY**

What to Report

- ◆ What the child reported and when it happened
- ◆ Where the child is now and whether he or she is in immediate danger
- ◆ The names and addresses of the child's caretakers
- ◆ Any additional information you may have that might help with an investigation

***If you have any questions, please contact
Washington County Child Protection Intake at (651) 430-6457
or your Truancy Social Worker***