COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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CALL TO REPORT ABUSE
Contact the Colorado office of Children, Youth and Families at 303-866-5932 or any Law Enforcement Agency at 911. You are not required to provide proof. Anyone who makes a good faith report based on reasonable grounds is immune from prosecution. If the abuse occurred within the past 72 hours, a medical evaluation by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner is available by going to the Emergency Department at Your County Medical Center or by going to the nearest child advocacy center.

HELPLINES
CO Child Abuse & Neglect- report to your local County Dept. of Human Services
http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ChildYouthFam/CBON/1251590165629

Tu Casa 24-Hour Crisis Line 719-589-2465
United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 888-421-1266
211(after hours)

Darkness to Light Helpline 1-866- FOR-LIGHT
(1-866-367-5444)

Childhelp: USA National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-CHILD
(1-800-422-4453)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Legal Help
CO State Bar 303-860-1115
Advocates for Children (CASA) 303-623-5380
Voices for Children (CASA) 303-440-7059

Victim Advocacy
Ralston House 720-898-6741
Family Crisis Services, Inc 719-275-2429

RESOURCES FOR HEALING
Treatment Providers
CO Dept. of Mental Health 303-866-7400

Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused
Tu Casa 719-589-2465
Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA) 303-443-0400

WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA
www.darkness2light.org 1-843-965-5444
www.trauma-pages.com
www.stopitnow.com 1-888-PREVENT
(1-888-773-8368)
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COLORADO STATE REPORTING LAWS
https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT
Rev. Stat. § 19-3-304
Persons required to report include:
- Physicians, surgeons, physicians in training, child health associates, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, nurses, hospital personnel, dental hygienists, physical therapists, pharmacists, registered dieticians
- Public or private school officials or employees
- Social workers, Christian Science practitioners, mental health professionals, psychologists, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists
- Veterinarians, peace officers, firefighters, or victim’s advocates
- Commercial film and photographic print processors
- Clergy members, including priests; rabbis; duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of a church; members of religious orders; or recognized leaders of any religious bodies
- Workers in the State Department of Human Services; juvenile parole and probation officers; child and family investigators; the child protection ombudsman
- Officers and agents of the State Bureau of Animal Protection and animal control officers
- Educators providing services through a Federal special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, as provided for in 42 U.S.C. § 1786
- Directors, coaches, assistant coaches, or athletic program personnel employed by private sports organizations or programs
- Counselors, marriage and family therapists, or psychotherapists; persons registered as psychologist candidates, marriage and family therapist candidates or licensed professional counselor candidates
- Emergency medical service providers

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT
Rev. Stat. § 19-3-304
A report is required when:
- A mandated reporter has reasonable cause to know or suspect child abuse or neglect.
- A reporter has observed a child being subjected to circumstances or conditions that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.
- Commercial film and photographic print processors have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS
Rev. Stat. §§ 19-3-304; 19-3-311
The clergy-penitent privilege is permitted. The physician-patient, psychologist-client, and husband-wife privileges are not allowed as grounds for failing to report.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER’S NAME IN REPORT
Rev. Stat. § 19-3-307
The reporter shall include the name, address, and occupation of the person making the report.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY
Rev. Stat. § 19-1-307
The identity of the reporter shall be protected.

HOW TO REPORT IN COLORADO
If you suspect child neglect, child abuse, or child sexual abuse contact the human services agency or law enforcement agency in your area to make a report.

For mandated reporter training:
http://www.coloradocwts.com/community-training