

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## COLORADO

### 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
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#### 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

<a href="http://www.darkness2light.org">www.darkness2light.org</a>	1-843-965-5444
<a href="http://www.trauma-pages.com">www.trauma-pages.com</a>	
<a href="http://www.stopitnow.com">www.stopitnow.com</a>	1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILD  
ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE  
STATE OF COLORADO.

Feel free to call the center  
with any questions about  
where to find resources  
related to child sexual  
abuse. Contact the nearest  
CAC to set up an interview if  
abuse is reported:

#### Ralston House

10795 West 58<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Arvada, CO 80002  
720-898-6741

#### Four Corners Child Advocacy Center

140 N. Linden St  
Cortez, CO 81321  
970-824-9709

# MANDATED REPORTING

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### COLORADO STATE REPORTING LAWS

[https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/statutes/manda.cfm](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 dietitians
- 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>