

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

INDIANA

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Indiana Government: Child Protective Services at **1-800-800-5556** 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

Indiana Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	1-800-800-5556
Trident 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

Our State Bar	317-639-5465
Kid's Voice of Indiana	317-558-2870 ext. 100

Victim Advocacy

Attorney General's Victim Assistance Division	1-800-258-0993
Indiana Children's Advocacy Centers	248-762-5520

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

Indiana Department of Mental Health	1-800-901-1133
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Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

Prevent Child Abuse Indiana	317-775-6439
Call Sexual Assault Hotline for current group listings in your area	1-800-656-4673

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)

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

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:

Indiana Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC)

Visit <https://incacs.org/find-cac/> to find the CAC in your county or call 248-762-5520

First Light Child Advocacy Center

604B West Third Street
Marion, Indiana 46952
765-668-8082

MANDATED REPORTING

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INDIANA STATE REPORTING LAWS

https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Ann. Code § 31-33-5-2

Mandatory reporters include any staff member of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency.

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Ann. Code § 31-33-5-1

Any person who has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect must report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Ann. Code §§ 31-33-5-1; 31-33-5-2

A report is required when any person has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Ann. Code § 31-32-11-1

Privileged communications between any of the following shall not be grounds for failing to report:

- A husband and wife
- A health-care provider and the provider's patient
- A licensed social worker, clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, addiction counselor, or clinical addiction counselor and a client of any of these professionals
- A school counselor or psychologist and a student

Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report Ann. Code § 31-33-7-4

The written report must include the name and contact information for the person making the report.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

Ann. Code § 31-33-18-2

The report shall be made available to the person about whom a report has been made, with protection for the identity of:

- Any person reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect
- Any other person if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of the person

The report also may be made available to each parent, guardian, custodian, or other person responsible for the welfare of a child named in a report, with protection for the identity of reporters and other appropriate individuals.

HOW TO REPORT IN INDIANA

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call Indiana's Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1-800-800-5556.