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

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:

The Child Advocacy Center, INC
1033 E. Walnut
Springfield, MO 65806
417-831-2327

Children’s Center
Visit http://www.childrenscenter.org/locations/ to find a location near you

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE
Contact the Missouri Dept. of Children Protective Services at 1-800-392-3738 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
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Abuse(MOCSA) 24-hour Crisis Line 816-531-0233
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
MO State Bar 573-635-4128
Victim Advocacy
CAP4Kids (Child Advocacy Project) 816-842-2272
Missouri Kids First 573-632-4600

RESOURCES FOR HEALING
Treatment Providers
MO Department of Mental Health 1-800-364-9687
Mattie Rhodes Center 816-471-2536

Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused
Call Sexual Assault Hotline for current group listings in your area 1-800-656-4673
MOSCA 816-931-4527

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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MISSOURI STATE REPORTING LAWS
https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm

HOW TO REPORT IN MISSOURI
Call 1-800-392-3738, the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline
Operated by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

To register for mandated reporter training:

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT
Rev. Stat. §§ 210.115; 352.400; 568.110
Professionals required to report include:
• Physicians, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, residents, interns, nurses, hospital and clinic personnel, or other health practitioners
• Daycare center workers or other child care workers, teachers, principals, or other school officials
• Psychologists, mental health professionals, or social workers
• Ministers, including clergypersons, priests, rabbis, Christian Science practitioners, or other persons serving in a similar capacity for any religious organization
• Juvenile officers, probation or parole officers, peace officers, law enforcement officials, or jail or detention center personnel
• Other persons with responsibility for the care of children
• Commercial film and photographic print processors; computer providers, installers, or repair persons; or Internet service providers

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS
Rev. Stat. § 210.115
Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect may report.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT
Rev. Stat. § 210.115
If two or more members of a medical institution who are required to report jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, a single report may be made by a designated member of that medical team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter immediately make the report. Nothing in this section, however, is meant to preclude any person from reporting abuse or neglect. The reporting requirements under this section are individual, and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit any reporting under this section. No person making a report shall be subject to any sanction, including any adverse employment action, for making such report. Every employer shall ensure that any employee required to report has immediate and unrestricted access to the communications technology necessary to make an immediate report and is temporarily relieved of other work duties for such time as is required to make any report required by this section.

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STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT
Rev. Stat. §§ 210.115; 568.110
A report is required when:
• A reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
• A reporter observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.
• A commercial film and photographic print processor has knowledge of or observes any film, photograph, videotape, negative, slide, or computer-generated image or picture depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS
Rev. Stat. § 210.140
Only the attorney-client or clergy-penitent privilege may be grounds for failure to report.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER’S NAME IN REPORT
Rev. Stat. § 210.130
The report must include the name, address, occupation, and contact information for the person making the report.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY
Rev. Stat. § 210.150
The names or other identifying information of reporters shall not be furnished to any child, parent, guardian, or alleged perpetrator named in the report.