

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## NORTH CAROLINA

### CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the North Carolina Dept. of Children Protective Services at **919-733-9467** 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

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

NC State Bar 919-828-4620

#### Victim Advocacy

North Carolina Coalition against Sexual Assault 919-871-1015  
NC Child 919-834-6623

### RESOURCES FOR HEALING

#### Treatment Providers

NC Department of Mental Health 919-733-7011

#### Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

Family Service of Piedmont 336-387-6161  
336-273-7273 (24 hour)

### WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA

[www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org) 1-843-965-5444  
[www.trauma-pages.com](http://www.trauma-pages.com)  
[www.stopitnow.com](http://www.stopitnow.com) 1-888-PREVENT  
(1-888-773-8368)

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILD  
ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE  
STATE OF NORTH  
CAROLINA.

#### Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina

336-886-4589

Visit

<http://www.cacnc.org/locator>  
to find a location near you

#### Child Advocacy Center

222 Rowan St  
Fayetteville, NC 28301  
910-486-9700

#### Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center

901 East Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28203  
704-335-2760

# MANDATED REPORTING

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### NORTH CAROLINA 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

*Gen. Stat. § 7B-301*

Any person or institution that has cause to suspect abuse or neglect shall report.

### REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Gen. Stat. § 7B-301*

All persons who have cause to suspect that any juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent, or has died as the result of maltreatment, shall report.

### STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Gen. Stat. § 7B-301*

A report is required when a reporter has cause to suspect that any juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent, or has died as the result of maltreatment.

### PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Gen. Stat. § 7B-310*

No privilege shall be grounds for failing to report, even if the knowledge or suspicion is acquired in an official professional capacity, except when the knowledge or suspicion is gained by an attorney from that attorney's client during representation only in the abuse, neglect, or dependency case. No privilege, except the attorney-client privilege, shall be grounds for excluding evidence of abuse, neglect, or dependency.

### INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

*Gen. Stat. § 7B-301*

The report shall give the name, address, and telephone number of the reporter. Refusal shall not preclude the department's investigation.

### DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Gen. Stat. § 7B-302*

The Department of Social Services shall hold the identity of the reporter in strictest confidence, except the department shall disclose confidential information regarding the identity of the reporter to any Federal, State, or local government entity or its agent with a court order. The department may only disclose confidential information regarding the identity of the reporter to a Federal, State, or local government entity or its agent without a court order when the entity demonstrates a need for the reporter's name to carry out the entity's mandated responsibilities.

### HOW TO REPORT IN NORTH CAROLINA

If you suspect that a child is being abused, you must report what you know to the county Department of Social Services.

To find your county Department of Social Services:  
<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/local/index.htm>