

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## NEW MEXICO

### CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the New Mexico Dept. of Children, Youth & Families at **1-855-333-7233** 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

New Mexico Child Abuse & Neglect	1-855-333-SAFE (7233)
Hartley House Crisis Line (24-hour)	1-800-401-0305
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

NM State Bar 505-797-6000

#### Victim Advocacy

All Faiths, Receiving Home 505-271-0329  
FYI Safehouse 575-522-4004  
Childhaven 505-327-1482

### RESOURCES FOR HEALING

#### Treatment Providers

NM Dept of Mental Health 505-476-9266

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

Hartley House 575-762-0050  
Healing House 575-546-6539

### 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 NEW MEXICO.

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:

#### New Mexico Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

707 Broadway NE #101  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
505-217-0220

#### FYI Safehouse Child Advocacy Center

1230 S. Solano  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
575-522-4004  
575-522-9017

# MANDATED REPORTING

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### NEW MEXICO 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

*Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-3*

Professionals required to report include:

- Physicians, residents, or interns
- Law enforcement officers or judges
- Nurses
- Teachers or school officials
- Social workers
- Members of the clergy

### REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-3*

Every person who knows or has a reasonable suspicion that a child is an abused or a neglected child shall report the matter immediately.

### STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-3*

A report is required when a person knows or has a reasonable suspicion that a child is abused or neglected.

### PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Ann. Stat. §§ 32A-4-3; 32A-4-5*

A clergy member need not report any information that is privileged. The report or its contents or any other facts related thereto or to the condition of the child who is the subject of the report shall not be excluded on the ground that the matter is or may be the subject of a physician-patient privilege or similar privilege or rule against disclosure.

### INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

*Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-5*

The identity of the mandated reporter will be verified before any investigation is initiated.

### DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-33*

Any release of information to a parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not include identifying information about the reporter.

### HOW TO REPORT IN NEW MEXICO

Every person who knows or has reasonable suspicion that a child is being abused or neglected in New Mexico must report the matter immediately to CYFD's Statewide Central Intake child abuse hotline (1-855-333-SAFE [7233] or #SAFE from a cell phone), or to law enforcement or the appropriate tribal identity.