

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NEW YORK

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the New York Office of Children & Family Services at **800-342-3720** 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

Child Abuse or Neglect (24 hour)	1-800-342-3720
Sexual Assault Hotline (24 hour)	518-447-7716
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

NY State Bar	518-463-3200
NY Office of Victim Services	518-485-3104

Victim Advocacy

Crime Victim & Sexual Violence Center	518-447-7100
NY State Child Advocacy Resource Center	718-330-5455

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

NY Department of Mental Health	212-995-0868
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Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

Cayuga Counseling Services	315-253-9795
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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 NEW YORK.

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:

Bivona Child Advocacy Center
275 Lake Ave
Rochester, NY 14608
585-935-7800

The NY Center for Children
333 East 70th Street
New York, NY 10021
212-517-3012

MANDATED REPORTING

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NEW YORK STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Soc. Serv. Law § 413

The following persons and officials are required to report:

- Physicians, physician assistants, surgeons, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, dental hygienists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, residents, interns, psychologists, registered nurses, social workers, or emergency medical technicians
- Licensed creative arts therapists, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, or psychoanalysts
- Hospital personnel or Christian Science practitioners
- School officials, including but not limited to, teachers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, or administrators
- Social services workers, daycare center workers, providers of family or group family daycare, or any other child care or foster care worker
- Directors of children's overnight camps, summer day camps, or traveling summer day camps
- Mental health professionals, substance abuse counselors, alcoholism counselors, or all persons credentialed by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
- Peace officers, police officers, district attorneys or assistant district attorneys, investigators employed in the office of a district attorney, or other law enforcement officials

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Soc. Serv. Law § 413

Whenever a person is required to report in his or her capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency, he or she shall make the report as required and immediately notify the person in charge of such institution, school, facility, or agency, or his or her designated agent. The person in charge, or the designated agent of such person, shall be responsible for all subsequent administration necessitated by the report. Any report shall include the name, title, and contact information for every staff person of the institution who is believed to have direct knowledge of the allegations in the report. Nothing in this section or title is intended to require more than one report from any such institution, school, or agency. A medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency shall not take any retaliatory personnel action against an employee because such employee believes that he or she has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or maltreated child and that employee therefore makes a report in accordance with this title. No school, school official, child care provider, foster care provider, residential care facility provider, hospital, medical institution provider, or mental health facility provider shall impose any conditions, including prior approval or prior notification, upon a member of their staff specifically required to report under this title.

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HOW TO REPORT IN NEW YORK

Reports of child abuse and neglect can be made by calling the New York State Central Register (SCR) Child Abuse and Maltreatment Hotline Mandated Reporters: 1-800-635-1522

A copy of the current Mandated Reporter Form (LDSS Form 2221A) can be downloaded here:

<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/forms/cps/Ldss-2221a%20report%20of%20suspected%20child%20abuse%20or%20maltreatment.doc>

For mandated reporter training:

<https://www.nysmandatedreporter.org/TrainingCourses.aspx>

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STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Soc. Serv. Law § 413

A report is required when the reporter has reasonable cause to suspect:

- A child coming before him or her in his or her professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child.
- The parent, guardian, custodian, or other person legally responsible for the child comes before the reporter and states from personal knowledge facts, conditions, or circumstances that, if correct, would render the child an abused or maltreated child.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Soc. Serv. Law § 415

Notwithstanding the privileges set forth in article 45 of the civil practice law and rules, and any other provision of law to the contrary, mandated reporters who make a report that initiates an investigation of an allegation of child abuse or maltreatment are required to comply with all requests for records made by a child protective service relating to the report.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

Soc. Serv. Law § 415

The report shall include the name and contact information for the reporter.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

Soc. Serv. Law § 422-a

Any disclosure of information shall not identify the source of the report.