

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## OHIO

### CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Ohio Child Protection Services **855-642-4453** 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

Report Child Abuse & Neglect	855-642-4453 (855-O-H-CHILD)
The Link Crisis Hotline	1-800-472-9411
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

OH State Bar 800-282-6556

#### Victim Advocacy

Victim Assistance Program(24 Hours) 330-376-0040  
Hancock County Center for Safe and Healthy Children 419-425-1475

### RESOURCES FOR HEALING

#### Treatment Providers

OH Dept of Mental Health 1-877-275-6364  
Center for the Treatment and Study of Traumatic Stress 330-379-5094  
Thompkins Child and Adolescent Services 740-454-0738

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

Behavioral Connections 419-352-5387

### 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 OHIO.

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:

**Ohio Child Advocacy Center**  
**655 E. Livingston Ave**  
Columbus, Ohio 43205  
614-578-8029  
Visit <http://oncac.org/cacs-listing-in-ohio/> to find a CAC of  
near you

#### CARE HOUSE

741 Valley St  
Dayton, OH 45404  
937-512-1670

# MANDATED REPORTING

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### OHIO 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

*Rev. Code § 2151.421*

Mandatory reporters include:

- Attorneys
- Physicians, interns, residents, dentists, podiatrists, nurses, or other health-care professionals; speech pathologists or audiologists
- Licensed psychologists, school psychologists, or marriage and family therapists; persons engaged in social work or the practice of professional counseling
- Coroners
- Administrators or employees of child daycare centers, residential camps, child day camps, certified child care agencies, or other public or private children services agencies
- Teachers, school employees, or school authorities; Superintendents, board members, or employees of county boards of developmental disabilities; investigative agents contracted with by a county board of developmental disabilities; employees of the Department of Developmental Disabilities; employees of a facility or home that provides respite care; employees of a home health agency; employees of an entity that provides homemaker services
- Agents of county humane societies
- Persons, other than clerics, rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well-recognized religion
- Persons performing the duties of an assessor or third party employed by a public children's services agency to assist in providing child- or family-related services; court-appointed special advocates or guardians ad litem

### STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Rev. Code § 2151.421*

A report is required when a mandated person is acting in an official or professional capacity and knows or suspects that a child has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child.

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### HOW TO REPORT IN OHIO

Report Child Abuse  
and Neglect  
855 O-H-CHILD

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## PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Rev. Code § 2151.421*

An attorney, physician, or cleric is not required to make a report concerning any communication the attorney, physician, or cleric receives from a client, patient, or penitent in a professional relationship, if, in accordance with § 2317.02, the attorney, physician, or cleric could not testify with respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding. The client, patient, or penitent in the relationship is deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege with respect to any communication the attorney, physician, or cleric receives, and the attorney, physician, or cleric shall make a report with respect to that communication if all of the following apply:

- The client, patient, or penitent, at the time of the communication, is either a child under age 18 or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired person under age 21.
- The attorney, physician, or cleric knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar position to suspect, as a result of the communication or any observations made during that communication, that the client, patient, or penitent has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the person.
- The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the person's attempt to have an abortion without the notification of her parents, guardian, or custodian in accordance with § 2151.85.

## INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

*Rev. Code § 2151.421*

The reporter is not required to provide his or her name in the report, but if he or she wants to receive information on the outcome of the investigation, he or she must provide his or her name, address, and telephone number to the person who receives the report.

## DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Rev. Code § 2151.421*

The information provided in a report made pursuant to this section and the name of the person who made the report shall not be released for use and shall not be used as evidence in any civil action or proceeding brought against the person who made the report