

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

PENNSYLVANIA

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Pennsylvania Dept. of Children & Family Service at **1-800-932-0313** 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

The Childline & Abuse Registry Intake Unit	1-800-932-0313
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

PA State Bar 1-800-932-0311

Victim Advocacy

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape 1-888-772-7227
Crime Victims Council 610-437-6610

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

PA. Department of Mental Health 1-800-692-7462

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

Family Services Inc 814-944-3583
Survivors, Inc. 717-334-9777
1800-787-8106 (24 hour)
Victim Outreach Intervention Center 724-776-5910

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 PENNSYLVANIA.

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:

**Pennsylvania Chapter of
Children's Advocacy Centers**
626 James St.
Erie, PA 165009
814-431-8151

Visit
<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/index.php?s=58&state=pennsylvania> to find a CAC
near you.

MANDATED REPORTING

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Mandated reporters—Persons required to report include, but are not limited to:

- Any person licensed or certified to practice in any health-related field under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of State.
- A medical examiner, coroner or funeral director.
- An employee of a health care facility or provider licensed by the Dept. of Health, who is engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of individuals.
- A school employee.
- An employee of a child care service who has direct contact with children in the course of employment.
- A clergyman, priest, rabbi, minister, Christian Science practitioner, religious healer or spiritual leader of any regularly established church or other religious organization.
- An individual paid or unpaid, who, on the basis of the individual's role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity, or service accepts responsibility for a child.
- An employee of a social services agency who has direct contact with children in the course of employment.
- A peace officer or law enforcement official.
- An emergency medical services provider certified by the Dept. of Health.
- An employee of a public library who has direct contact with children in the course of employment.
- An individual supervised or managed by any person listed above.
- An independent contractor.
- An attorney affiliated with an agency, institution, organization or other entity, including a school or regularly established religious organization that is responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or control of children.
- Foster Parent; an adult family member who is a person responsible for the child's welfare and provides services to a child in a family living home, community home for individuals with an intellectual disability, or licensed host home for children.

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Any person may make an oral or written report of suspected child abuse, which may be submitted electronically, if that person has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Staff members of institutions, etc- whenever a person is required to report in the capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility or agency, that person shall report immediately in accordance with the law and shall immediately thereafter notify the person in charge of the institution, school, facility or agency or the designated agent of the person in charge. Upon notification, the person in charge or the designated agent, shall facilitate the cooperation of the institution, school, facility or agency with the investigation or the report.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

A written report of suspected child abuse, which may be submitted electronically, shall include the name, telephone number, and email address of the person making the report.

HOW TO REPORT IN PENNSYLVANIA

ChildLine is the 24-hour toll free telephone reporting system operated by the Department of Human Services to receive reports of suspected child abuse: 1-800-932-0313 or on line at <http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis>