There are several child advocacy centers in the state of Rhode Island. 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:

**Day One Child Advocacy Center**

100 Medway St.
Providence, RI 02906
401-421-4100

**Contact the Rhode Island Dept. Child Protective Services at 1-800-742-4453 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 Child Abuse Hotline (24 hour) 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453)

Victims of Crime Helpline (24 hour) 1-800-494-8100

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**
RI State Bar 401-421-5740

**Victim Advocacy**
Day One 401-421-4100
St. Mary's Home for Children 401-353-3900
RI Office of Child Advocate 401-462-1300

**RESOURCES FOR HEALING**

**Treatment Providers**
RI Department of Mental Health 401-462-2339
Gateway Health 401-729-8701

**Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused**
Day One 401-421-4100

**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)
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RHODE ISLAND STATE REPORTING LAWS
https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS
Gen. Laws § 40-11-3(a)
Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected must report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT
Gen. Laws §§ 40-11-3(a); 40-11-6
A report is required when:
• A person has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
• A physician or nurse practitioner has cause to suspect that a child brought to them for treatment is an abused or neglected child, or he or she determines that a child under age 12 is suffering from any sexually transmitted disease.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS
Gen. Laws § 40-11-11
The privileged quality of communication between husband and wife and any professional person and his or her patient or client, except that between attorney and client, shall not constitute grounds for failure to report.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER’S NAME IN REPORT
The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

HOW TO REPORT IN RHODE ISLAND
Call the Hotline at 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453) to report child abuse and/or neglect.