COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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CALL TO REPORT ABUSE
Contact the Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services at **800-252-5400** 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
Texas Abuse Hotline (24 hour) 1-800-252-5400
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
TX State Bar 512-427-1463
Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid 512-374-2730

Victim Advocacy
Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center (West Texas) 325-677-7895
Brazoria County Alliance for Children 979-849-2500
Henderson County HELP Center 903-675-4357
Texas CASA 512-473-2627

RESOURCES FOR HEALING
Treatment Providers
TX Department of Mental Health 512-776-7111

Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused
Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend 1-800-834-0654
Texas Family Support Services 806-342-2500

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)

THER ARE SEVERAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS.

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:

Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas
Visit http://www.cactx.org/about/local-centers to find the CAC in your county
512-258-9920

Center for Child Protection
8509 FM 969, Building 2
Austin, TX 78724
512-472-1164
Anyone having cause to believe that a child’s physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect must report the case immediately to a state or local law enforcement agency or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).

DFPS also has a toll-free, 24-hour Family Violence Hotline: 1-800-252-5400

For mandated reporter training: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/training/reporting/