COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact your Alaska child protection services at **1-800-478-4444** 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

AK Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1-888-622-1650

United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 211(after hours)

Darkness to Light Helpline Call 1-866- FOR-LIGHT or Text LIGHT to 741741

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline call or text 1-800-4-A-CHILD

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## Legal Help

Alaska Office of Victims' Rights 907-272-2620
Victims for Justice 907-278-0986

### Victim Advocacy

Alaska CARES 907-561-8301
Kashunamiut Child Protection Team 907-858-7252

Advocates for Victims of Violence 907-835-2980

Standing Together Against Rape 907-276-7279

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

South Peninsula Haven House 907-235-7713

# Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies 907-586-6623

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

AK Department of Mental Health for listings 907-465-3030

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)

Alaska

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE STATE OF Alaska.

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:

**Alaska Children’s Alliance**

907-668-0163

**ALASKA STATE REPORTING LAWS**

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/manda.pdf>

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Alaska Stat. §§ 47.17.020; 47.17.023*

The following persons are required to report:

• Health practitioners or administrative officers of institutions

• Teachers and school administrators, including athletic coaches, of public and private schools

• Child care providers

• Paid employees of domestic violence and sexual assault programs, crisis intervention and prevention programs, or organizations that provide counseling or treatment to individuals seeking to control their use of drugs or alcohol

• Peace officers or officers of the Department of Corrections

• Persons who process or produce visual or printed matter, either privately or commercially

• Members of a child fatality review team or the multidisciplinary child protection team

•Volunteers who interact with children in a public or private school for more than 4 hours a week

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Alaska Stat. § 47.17.020*

Mandated reporters may report cases that come to their attention in their non-occupational capacities. Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been harmed may report.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Alaska Stat. § 47.17.020(g)*

A person required to report child abuse or neglect who makes the report to the person’s job supervisor or to another individual working for the entity that employs the person is not relieved of the obligation to make the report to the department as required by law.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Alaska Stat. §§ 47.17.020; 47.17.023*

A report must be made when, in the performance of his or her occupational duties, a reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered harm as a result of abuse or neglect.

A person providing--either privately or commercially--film, photo, or visual or printed matter processing, production, or finishing services, or computer installation, repair, or other services, or Internet or cellular telephone services who, in the process of providing those services, observes a film, photo, picture, computer file, image, or other matter and has reasonable cause to suspect that the film, photo, picture, computer file, image, or other matter visually depicts a child engaged in conduct described in § 11.41.455(a) [sexual exploitation of a minor or child pornography], shall immediately report the observation to the nearest law enforcement agency.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Alaska Stat. § 47.17.060*

Neither the physician-patient nor the husband-wife privilege is recognized.

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

**DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY**
This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

MANDATED REPORTING

**HOW TO REPORT IN ALASKA**

If you suspect a child was abused or neglected, immediately contact the Office of Children’s Services hotline at 1-800-478-4444.

For info on Darkness to Light’s mandated reporter training visit: <https://www.d2l.org/education/additional-training/child-abuse-neglect/>