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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHLD SEXUAL ABUSE

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

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 Safety Center**

614 E. Emma, Suite 200

Springdale, AR 72764

479-872-6183

**Children’s Advocacy Centers of Arkansas:** <http://cacarkansas.org/find>

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the Arkansas Dept. of Children Protective Services at 501-682-8770 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

Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline (24 hour) 1-888-482-5964

United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 888-421-1266
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

AR State Bar 501-375-4606

CASA Arkansas 20 JD 501-328-3347

### Victim Advocacy

Hamilton House Child & Family Safety Center 479-783-1002

Arkansas Sheriff’s Youth Ranches 870-793-6841

# **The Center for Healing and Hope 501-351-4673**

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

AR Department of Mental Health 501-682-1001

# Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abusedSaline County Safe Heaven 501-315-7233

Safe Place 501-590-4266

WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA

[www.D2L.org](http://www.D2L.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)

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MANDATED REPORTING

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ARKANSAS STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Ann. Code. § 12-18-402*

• Childcare, daycare, or foster care workers

• Corners

• Dentists and Dental Hygienists

• Domestic abuse advocates and domestic violence shelter employees or volunteers

• Employees of the Department of Human Services

• Employees working under contract for the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services

• Foster parents

• Judges, law enforcement officials, peace officers, and prosecuting attorneys

• Licensed nurses, physicians, mental health professionals or paraprofessionals, surgeons, resident interns, osteopaths, and medical personnel who may be engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons

• Public or private school counselors; school officials, including, without limitation, institutions of higher education; and teachers

• Social workers and juvenile intake or probation officers

• Court-appointed special advocate program staff members or volunteers

• Attorneys ad litem

• Clergy members, which includes ministers, priests, rabbis, accredited Christian Science practitioners, or other similar functionaries of a religious organization

• Employees of a child advocacy center or a child safety center

• Sexual abuse advocates or volunteers who work with victims of sexual abuse

• Child abuse advocates or volunteers who work with child victims of abuse or maltreatment as employees of a community-based victim service or a mental health agency

• Victim/witness coordinators

• Victim assistance professionals or volunteers

• Employees of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police

• Employees or volunteers at reproductive health-care facilities

• An individual not otherwise identified in this subsection who is engaged in performing his or her employment duties with a nonprofit charitable organization other than a nonprofit hospital

HOW TO REPORT IN ARKANSAS

If you need to report child maltreatment, please call the Crimes Against Children Hotline at 1-800-482-5964.

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

STATE REPORTING LAWS CONT:

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Ann. Code § 12-18-401*

Any person who has reasonable cause to suspect child maltreatment may report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Ala. Code § 26-14-3*

A report must be made when the child is known or suspected of being a victim of abuse or neglect.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Ala. Code §§ 26-14-3; 26-14-10*

Only clergy-penitent and attorney-client privileges are permitted.

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

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Ala. Code § 26-14-8*

The department will not release the identity of the reporter except under court order when the court has determined that the reporter knowingly made a false report.