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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the Colorado office of Children, Youth and Families at 303-866-5932 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

CO Child Abuse & Neglect- report to your local County Dept. of Human Services

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ChildYouthFam/CBON/1251590165629>

Tu Casa 24-Hour Crisis Line 719-589-2465

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**

CO State Bar 303-860-1115

Advocates for Children (CASA) 303-623-5380

Voices for Children (CASA) 303-440-7059

**Victim Advocacy**

Ralston House 720-898-6741

Family Crisis Services, Inc 719-275-2429

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

CO Dept. of Mental Health 303-866-7400

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

Tu Casa 719-589-2465

Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA) 303-443-0400

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)

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

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:

**Ralston House**

10795 West 58th Ave

Arvada, CO 80002

720-898-6741

**Four Corners Child Advocacy Center**

140 N. Linden St

Cortez, CO 81321

970-824-9709

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MANDATED REPORTING

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ARKSANSAS STATE REPORTING LAWS

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/state/>

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

• Physicians, surgeons, physicians in training, child health associates, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, nurses, hospital personnel, dental hygienists, physical therapists, pharmacists, or registered dieticians

• Public or private school officials or employees

• Social workers, Christian Science practitioners, mental health professionals, psychologists, professional counselors, and marriage and family therapists

• Veterinarians, peace officers, firefighters, or victim's advocates

• Commercial film and photographic print processors

• Counselors, marriage and family therapists, or psychotherapists

• Clergy members, including priests; rabbis; duly ordained; commissioned, or licensed ministers of a church; members of religious orders; or recognized leaders of any religious bodies

• Workers in the State Department of Human Services

• Juvenile parole and probation officers

• Child and family investigators

• Officers and agents of the State Bureau of Animal Protection and animal control officers

• The child protection ombudsman

• Educators providing services through a Federal special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, as provided for in 42 U.S.C. § 1786

• Directors, coaches, assistant coaches, or athletic program personnel employed by private sports organizations or programs

• Persons registered as psychologist candidates, marriage and family therapist candidates or licensed professional counselor candidates

• Emergency medical service providers

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Rev. Stat. § 19-3-304*

Any other person may report known or suspected child abuse or neglect.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 19-3-304*

A report is required when:

• A mandated reporter has reasonable cause to know or suspect child abuse or neglect.

• A reporter has observed a child being subjected to circumstances or conditions that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.

• Commercial film and photographic print processors have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

HOW TO REPORT IN COLORADO

If you suspect child neglect, child abuse, or child sexual abuse contact the human services agency or law enforcement agency in your area to make a report.

For mandated reporter training: http://www.coloradocwts.com/community-training

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

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Rev. Stat. §§ 19-3-304; 19-3-311*

The clergy-penitent privilege is permitted. The physician-patient, psychologist-client, and husband-wife privileges are not allowed as grounds for failing to report.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER’S NAME IN REPORT
*Rev. Stat. § 19-3-307*

The reporter shall include the name, address, and occupation of the person making the report.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY
*Rev. Stat. § 19-1-307*

The identity of the reporter shall be protected, unless the court has determined that the reporter knowingly made a false report.

MANDATED REPORTING contd.