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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHLD SEXUAL ABUSE

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

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:

**Kentucky Association of Children’s Advocacy Centers, Inc.**

649 Charity Ct Suite 12

Frankfort, KY 40604

502-223-5117

Visit <http://www.kacac.org/KACAC.ORG/Local_CACs.html> for a CAC near you

**Hope Place CAC**

1100 Greenup Ave

Ashland, KY 41101

606-325-4737

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the Kentucky Child Safety Branch at (502) 564-2136 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

Child Protection Hotline 1-877-KYSAFE1 (597-2331)

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**

KY State Bar 502-564-3795

**Victim Advocacy**

Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation Prevention Board 502-696-5312

Advocacy & Support Center 270-234-9236

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

KY Dept of Mental Health 502-564-4527

**Support groups for survivors and for parents**

**and families of children who have been abused**

Family Nurturing Center 859-525-3200

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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KENTUCKY STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

All persons are required to report, including, but not limited to:

• Physicians, osteopathic physicians, nurses, coroners, medical examiners, residents, interns, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, or health professionals

• Teachers, school personnel, or childcare personnel

• social workers or mental health professionals

• peace officers

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Rev. Stat. § 620.030*

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused shall immediately report. Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is a victim of human trafficking as defined in § 529.010 immediately shall cause an oral or written report to be made to a local law enforcement agency or the State police, the cabinet or its designated representative, or the Commonwealth’s attorney or the county attorney by telephone or otherwise. This subsection shall apply regardless of whether the person believed to have caused the human trafficking of the child is a parent, guardian, or person exercising custodial control or supervision.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 620.030*

A report is required when a person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Rev. Stat. § 620.030(3)*

Neither the husband-wife nor any professional-client/patient privilege, except the attorney-client and clergy-penitent privilege, shall be a ground for refusing 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.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

Rev. Stat. § 620.050

The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed except:

• To law enforcement officials, the agency investigating or assessing the report, or to a multidisciplinary team

• Under court order, after a court has found reason to believe the reporter knowingly made a false report

• To the external child fatality and near fatality review panel established by § 620.055

HOW TO REPORT IN KENTUCKY

You can make a report to any of the following:

* Statewide Abuse Reporting Hotline, 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331
* Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Division of Protection & Permanency (local office or regional intake)
* Kentucky State Police or any local law enforcement agency
* Local Commonwealth's Attorney or County Attorney