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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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

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:

**Michigan Chapter of National Children’s Alliance**

888-936-3349

Visit <http://www.mivoice4kids.org/Default.aspx?pageId=599374> to find the CAC near you

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the Michigan Dept. of Children Protective Services at 855-444-3911 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

Michigan Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline 855-444-3911

Trident 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

Our State Bar 517-346-6300

### Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office 734-222-6620 Victim Advocacy

M.I.N.D.S (Moving in New Directions) 313-883-3300

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 855-864-2374

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

Michigan State University Support for Adult Survivors 1-800-656-4673

517-355-5040

Call Sexual Assault Hotline for current group listings

in your area

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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MICHIGAN STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Comp. Laws § 722.62*3

Mandatory reporters include:

• Physicians, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, medical examiners, nurses, persons licensed to provide emergency medical care, or audiologists

• School administrators, counselors, or teachers

• Regulated childcare providers

• Psychologists, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, social workers, or social work technicians

• Persons employed in a professional capacity in any office of the friend of the court

• Law enforcement officers

• Members of the clergy

• Department employees, including eligibility specialists, family independence managers, family independence specialists, social services specialists, social work specialists, social work specialist managers, or welfare services specialists

• Any employee of an organization or entity that, as a result of Federal funding statutes, regulations, or contracts, would be prohibited from reporting in the absence of a State mandate or court order.

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Comp. Laws § 722.624*

Any other person, including a child, who has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect may report.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Comp. Laws § 722.623*

If the reporting person is a member of the staff of a hospital, agency, or school, the reporting person shall notify the person in charge of the hospital, agency, or school of his or her finding and that the report has been made, and shall make a copy of the written report available to the person in charge. A notification to the person in charge of a hospital, agency, or school does not relieve the member of the staff of the hospital, agency, or school of the obligation of reporting to the department as required by this section. One report from a hospital, agency, or school is adequate to meet the reporting requirement. A member of the staff of a hospital, agency, or school shall not be dismissed or otherwise penalized for making a report required by this act or for cooperating in an investigation.

HOW TO REPORT IN MICHIGAN

The Child Protection Law requires mandated reporters to make an immediate verbal report to DHS upon suspecting child abuse and neglect, followed by a written report within 72 hours.

Contact the CPS Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect at 1-855-444-3911 to make the verbal report. DHS encourages the use of Report of Suspected or Actual Child Abuse or Neglect (DHS-3200) form, which includes all the information required under the law.

For a copy of the DHS-3200: www.michigan.gov/mandatedreporter under Resources.

MANDATED REPORTING contd.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Comp. Laws § 722.623*

A report is required when a reporter has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Comp. Laws § 722.631*

Only the attorney-client or clergy-penitent privilege can be grounds for not reporting.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Comp. Laws §§ 722,625; 722.627*

The identity of a reporting person is confidential and subject to disclosure only with the consent of that person or by judicial process. The identity of the reporter is protected in any release of information to the subject of the report.