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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the New Jersey Dept. of Children Protective Services at 1-877-652-2873 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

NJ Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline (24 hour) 877-NJ ABUSE (877-652-2873)

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

NJ State Bar 732-249-5000

New Jersey Crime Victim’s Law Center 973-729-9342

### Victim Advocacy

Advocates for Children of NJ 973-643-3876

PEI Kids 609-695-3739

Center for Family Services 856-964-1990

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

NJ Dept of Mental Health 1-800-382-6717

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

The Women’s Center 609-601-9925

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Family Service League 973-746-0800

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 NEW JERSEY.

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:

**Wynona’s House Child Advocacy Center**

185 Washington St.

Newark, NJ 07102

973-753-1110

**NJ Children’s Alliance-CAC**

**Visit** http://newjersey.nationalchildrensalliance.org/cac\_locations to find a CAC in your county

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MANDATED REPORTING

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NEW JERSEY STATE REPORTING LAWS

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm>

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Ann. Stat. § 9:6-8.10*

Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse, neglect, or acts of child abuse shall report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Ann. Stat. § 9:6-8.10*

A report is required when a person has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Ann. Stat. § 9:6-8.10a*

The identity of the reporter shall not be made public. Any information that could endanger any person shall not be released.

VIOLATIONS INCLUDING FAILURE TO MAKE REPORT; DISORDERLY PERSON

*Ann. Stat. § 9:6-8.14*

Any person knowingly violating the provisions of this act including the failure to report an act of child abuse having reasonable cause to believe that an act of child abuse has been committed, is a disorderly person.

HOW TO REPORT IN NEW JERSEY

In New Jersey, any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or acts of abuse should immediately report this information to the State Central Registry (SCR).

If the child is in immediate danger, call 911 as well as 1-877 NJ ABUSE (1-877-652-2873)