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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the New York Dept. of Children Protective Services at 800-342-3720 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 Abuse or Neglect (24 hour) 1-800-342-3720

Sexual Assault Hotline (24 hour) 518-447-7716

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

NY State Bar 518-463-3200

NY Office of Victim Services 1-800-247-8035

### Victim Advocacy

Crime Victim & Sexual Violence Center 518-447-7100

# NY State Child Advocacy Resource Center 718-330-5455

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

NY Department of Mental Health 1-800-597-8481

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

# Cayuga Counseling Services 315-253-9795

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 YORK.

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:

**Bivona Child Advocacy Center**

1 Mount Hope Ave.

Rochester, NY 14620

585-935-7800

**The NY Center for Children**

333 E. 70th St., Ste. #1

New York, NY 10021

212-517-3012

NEW YORK

MANDATED REPORTING

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NEW YORK STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Soc. Serv. Law § 413*

The following persons and officials are required to report:

• Physicians, physician assistants, surgeons, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, dental hygienists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, residents, interns, psychologists, registered nurses, social workers, or emergency medical technicians

• Licensed creative arts therapists, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, or psychoanalysts

• Hospital personnel or Christian Science practitioners

• School officials, including but not limited to, teachers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, or administrators

• Full- or part-time compensated school employees required to hold temporary coaching licenses or professional coaching certificates

• Social services workers, daycare center workers, providers of family or group family daycare, or any other child care or foster care worker

• Directors of children's overnight camps, summer day camps, or traveling summer day camps

• Employees or volunteers in residential care facilities for children that are licensed, certified, or operated by the Office of Children and Family Services

• Mental health professionals, substance abuse counselors, alcoholism counselors, or all persons credentialed by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

• Peace officers, police officers, district attorneys or assistant district attorneys, investigators employed in the office of a district attorney, or other law enforcement officials

HOW TO REPORT IN NEW YORK

Reports of child abuse and neglect can be made by calling the New York State Central Register (SCR) Child Abuse and Maltreatment Hotline

Mandated Reporters:

1-800-635-1522

**A copy of the current Mandated Reporter Form (LDSS Form 2221A) can be downloaded here:** http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/forms/cps/ldss-2221a%20report%20of%20suspected%20child%20abuse%20or%20maltreatment.doc

For mandated reporter training: https://www.nysmandatedreporter.org/TrainingCourses.aspx

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Soc. Serv. Law § 413*

Whenever a person is required to report in his or her capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency, he or she shall make the report as required and immediately notify the person in charge of such institution, school, facility, or agency, or his or her designated agent. The person in charge, or the designated agent of such person, shall be responsible for all subsequent administration necessitated by the report. Any report shall include the name, title, and contact information for every staff person of the institution who is believed to have direct knowledge of the allegations in the report. Nothing in this section or title is intended to require more than one report from any such institution, school, or agency. A medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency shall not take any retaliatory personnel action against an employee because such employee believes that he or she has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or maltreated child and that employee therefore makes a report in accordance with this title. No school, school official, child care provider, foster care provider, residential care facility provider, hospital, medical institution provider, or mental health facility provider shall impose any conditions, including prior approval or prior notification, upon a member of their staff specifically required to report under this title.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Soc. Serv. Law § 413*

A report is required when the reporter has reasonable cause to suspect:

• A child coming before him or her in his or her professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child.

• The parent, guardian, custodian, or other person legally responsible for the child comes before the reporter and states from personal knowledge facts, conditions, or circumstances that, if correct, would render the child an abused or maltreated child.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Soc. Serv. Law § 415*

Notwithstanding the privileges set forth in article 45 of the civil practice law and rules, and any other provision of law to the contrary, mandated reporters who make a report that initiates an investigation of an allegation of child abuse or maltreatment are required to comply with all requests for records made by a child protective service relating to the report.

MANDATED REPORTING contd.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER’S NAME IN REPORT
*Soc. Serv. Law § 415*

The report shall include the name and contact information for the reporter.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Soc. Serv. Law § 422-a*

Any disclosure of information shall not identify the source of the report.

MANDATED REPORTING contd.