

### CHILD CARE PROVIDERS\*

School age child care workers  
Family or group family day care providers  
Day care center workers  
Employees in residential care facilities  
Volunteers in residential care facilities  
Directors of children's overnight or day camps  
Any other child care or foster care worker

### EDUCATION PROVIDERS\*

Teachers and assistants  
School administrators and support staff  
Preschool staff  
Guidance counselors  
School psychologists and social workers  
School nurses and administrators  
School personnel required to hold a teaching, coaching or administrative license or certificate, athletic trainer

### HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS\*

Hospital personnel engaged in admission, examination, care, or treatment  
Physicians and surgeons, Physician assistants  
Registered nurses, residents and interns  
Emergency medical technicians (EMTs)  
Christian science practitioners  
Dentists and dental hygienists  
Coroners and medical examiners  
Osteopaths, Optometrists, Chiropractors, and Podiatrists

### HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS\*

Social workers and social services workers  
Creative arts therapists  
Marriage and family therapists  
Behavior analysts and behavior analyst assistants  
Mental health professionals  
Psychologists and Psychoanalysts  
Substance abuse counselors  
Alcohol abuse counselors  
Publicly-funded emergency shelter employees  
Residential domestic violence program employees

### LAW ENFORCEMENT\*

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

\*for entire list see New York Consolidated Laws, Social Services Law - SOS § 413

# Are YOU a Mandated Reporter?

These are the things you need to know to report child abuse and neglect.

## Identity and Location

Is there enough information known about the identity and location of the potentially abused child to initiate an investigation?

## Age of Child

Is the child under 18 years of age?

## Jurisdiction

Where did the abuse occur? Is the child in New York State? Was child harmed or in danger of harm while in NYS?

## Persons Legally Responsible

Is the perpetrator someone who is a person legally responsible for the child?

## Allegation of Abuse or Neglect

Are there allegations that, if true, would constitute abuse or neglect according to New York State law?

## To make a report call:

Child abuse Hotline: 1-800-635-1522  
For voluntary reporters : 1-800-342-3720

## Ways To Help BEFORE Abuse or Neglect Happens

The HEARS Family Line assists parents and families by providing resources and referrals to a variety of services. Caring representatives guide families to services including food, clothing, housing, medical and behavioral health care services, parenting education, and child care. *For more resources visit:* [www.dorightbykids.org](http://www.dorightbykids.org)

NYS HEARS Line: 1-888-554-3277

# HOW do I report?

Do Right  
By Kids  
It's up to you

# Child Abuse reporting

**Authoritative Information  
on Child Abuse Reporting  
for Mandated Reporters**



# What happens AFTER I report?

## Reasonable Cause to Suspect

Mandated reporter must file a report if, in their professional or official role, they suspect a child to be abused or maltreated based on the child coming before them or based on information provided by a parent of PLR before them. >>

## Reporter Calls Child Abuse Hotline

Also known as the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and maltreatment, or the SCR.  
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## Report Registered



## CPS Investigates The Report

Caseworker gathers information, assesses child, interviews child, family, mandated reporter, and others.

## Report Not Registered

### SCR Explains Why Report Cannot Be Registered

and when appropriate, suggests that the mandated reporter take other action.

### SCR Requests More Information

than the provider has obtained to meet the criteria.

## CPS Investigation Is Determined To Be Indicated

Fair preponderance of evidence of abuse/neglect is discovered. Feedback to MR will be sent stating report was indicated. >>

## CPS Investigation is Determined To Be Unfounded

No evidence of abuse/neglect or evidence does not meet the fair preponderance standard. Feedback to MR will be sent stating report was unfounded.

## Assessment Of Need For Further CPS Intervention Is Made

Based on assessment of safety and risk.

### Yes

Child(ren) in immediate danger of harm.

### No

Child(ren) are safe.

## CPS Assesses Need For Services

CPS makes referrals to connect family with preventative or community-based services and closes case.

## CPS Finds No Need For Further Follow-Up

Case Closed.

## CPS Files Neglect Or Abuse Petition In Family Court

### Family Court Determines Sufficient Evidence

Judge orders/sustains placement in foster care or with relative resource, or an order of supervision. Court orders targeted services for support, rehabilitation, and reunification.

### Family Court Determines Insufficient Evidence

Case dismissed and no further action can be taken.