

Are YOU a Mandated Reporter?

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

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

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?

Reporter Calls Child Abuse Hotline

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.

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.

SCR Explains Why Report Cannot Be Registered
and when appropriate, suggests that the mandated reporter take other action.

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.

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.

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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.

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

Child remains in home with parent/caretaker with safety plan made that protects child

Parent/caretaker identifies safe relative/resource to temporarily care for child; safety plan made, and child goes to relative/resource.

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 Determined Insufficient Evidence

Case dismissed and no further action can be taken.

Parent/caretaker cannot identify other safe relative/resource; child placed in Foster Care.