

Minimum Standards for a Curriculum for Mandated Reporters on Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect

- Legal Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Types and Indicators of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Parental Attitudes as Indicators
- The Fine Line Between Abuse and Discipline

Questionable Child Abuse and Neglect Situations

- Corporal Punishment
- Unsupervised or “Latchkey” Children
- Failure to Obtain Medical Care

Reports Outside the Scope of Child Abuse/Neglect in Virginia

- Educational Neglect
- Lack of Immunizations and Preventative Health Care
- Failure to Use Seat Belt Restraints as Required by Law
- Non Caretaker Sexual Abuse, Including Child on Child Sexual Activity
- Abuse Did Not Occur in Virginia and the Abuser Does Not Live in Virginia

Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

- Why Should You Report
- Who Must Report
- When Should You Report
- How Should You Report
- What Information Should You Provide
- What if You Are Not Sure
- Liability of Reporter
- Penalty for Your Failure to Report
- Informing the Parents
- What If the Abuse Occurred in the Past
- What If the Report is Not Accepted by Social Services
- Child Protective Services Feedback to the Reporter
- Personal Biases
- Confidentiality

Responding to the Child

- How to Respond to the Child Who Reports Being Abused/Neglected
- Techniques for Interacting with the Abused/Neglected Child

Child Protective Services Response

- What Happens After You Make a Report
- Family Assessment Response
- Investigation Response
- Abuser’s Right to Appeal Investigation findings
- CPS Authorities to Conduct Family Assessment or Investigation
- Services to the Family
- Child’s Removal From the Home and Placement