



This material provides mandated reporters with an overview of their obligations and some basic information about the New York State Child Protective Services (CPS) system.

Who Are Mandated Reporters?

New York State recognizes that certain professionals are specially equipped to perform the important role of mandated reporter of child abuse or maltreatment. Those professionals include:

- * Physician
* Registered physician's assistant
* Surgeon
* Medical examiner
* Coroner
* Dentist
* Dental hygienist
* Osteopath
* Optometrist
* Chiropractor
* Podiatrist
* Resident
* Intern
* Psychologist
* Registered nurse
* Social worker
* Emergency medical technician
* Licensed creative arts therapist
* Licensed marriage and family therapist
* Licensed mental health counselor
* Licensed psychoanalyst
* Licensed behavior analysts
* Certified behavior analyst assistants
* Hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons
* Christian science practitioner
* School official, including (but not limited to):
- teacher
- guidance counselor
- psychologist
- social worker
- nurse
- administrator or other school personnel required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate
* Social services worker
* Director of a
- children's overnight camp,
- summer day camp or
- traveling summer day camp
* Day care center worker
* School age child care worker
* Provider of family or - group family day care
* Employee or volunteer in a residential care facility for children
* Any other child care or foster care worker
* Mental health professional
* Substance abuse counselor
* Alcoholism counselor
* All persons credentialed by the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
* Peace officer
* Police officer
* District attorney or assistant district attorney
* Investigator employed in the office of the district attorney
* Any other law enforcement official

The entire current list can be found in Article 6, Title 6, and Section 413 of the New York Social Services Law. The website can be accessed online through the New York State Legislature's Website (http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menuf.cgi). Click on Laws of New York to access Social Services Law.

When Am I Mandated to Report?

Mandated reporters are required to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment when they are presented with a reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment in a situation where a child, parent, or other person legally responsible for the child is before the mandated reporter when the mandated reporter is acting in his or her official or professional capacity. "Other person legally responsible" refers to a guardian, caretaker, or other person 18 years of age or older who is responsible for the care of the child.

Mandated reporters who are social services workers have expanded reporting requirements. Social services workers are required to report when, in their official or professional role, they are presented with a reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment where any person is before the mandated reporter and the mandated reporter is acting in his or her official or professional capacity.

What is a Professional Role?

For example, a doctor examining a child in her practice who has a reasonable suspicion of abuse must report her concern. In contrast, the doctor who witnesses child abuse when riding her bike while off-duty is not mandated to report that abuse. The mandated reporter's legal responsibility to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment ceases when the mandated reporter stops practicing his/her profession. Of course, anyone may report any suspected abuse or maltreatment at any time and is encouraged to do so.

Reasonable Cause to Suspect

Reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment means that, based on your rational observations, professional training and experience, you have a suspicion that the parent or other person legally responsible for a child is responsible for harming that child or placing that child in imminent danger of harm. Your suspicion can be as simple as distrusting an explanation for an injury.



What Is Abuse and Maltreatment? **Abuse**

Abuse encompasses the most serious injuries and/or risk of serious injuries to children by their caregivers. An abused child is one whose parent or other person legally responsible for his or her care inflicts serious physical injury upon the child, creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury, or commits a sex offense against the child. Abuse also includes situations where a parent or other person legally responsible knowingly allows someone else to inflict such harm on a child.

Maltreatment (Includes Neglect)

Maltreatment means that a child's physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired, or placed in imminent danger of impairment, by the failure of the child's parent or other person legally responsible to exercise a minimum degree of care by:

- * failing to provide sufficient food, clothing, shelter, education;
- or**
- * failing to provide proper supervision, guardianship, or medical care (*refers to all medical issues, including dental, optometric, or surgical care*); or
- * inflicting excessive corporal punishment, abandoning the child, or misusing alcohol or other drugs to the extent that the child was placed in imminent danger.

Poverty or other financial inability to provide the above is not maltreatment.

Note: *The definitions of abuse and maltreatment are different for children in residential facilities operated or licensed by the state.*

How Do I Recognize Child Abuse and Maltreatment?

The list that follows contains some common indicators of abuse or maltreatment. This list is not all-inclusive, and some abused or maltreated children may not show any of these symptoms.

Indicators of Physical Abuse Can Include:

- * Injuries to the eyes or both sides of the head or body (*accidental injuries typically only affect one side of the body*);
- * Frequent injuries of any kind (*bruises, cuts, and/or burns*), especially if the child is unable to provide an adequate explanation of the cause. These may appear in distinctive patterns such as grab marks, human bite marks, cigarette burns, or impressions of other instruments;
- * Destructive, aggressive, or disruptive behavior;
- * Passive, withdrawn, or emotionless behavior;
- * Fear of going home or fear of parent(s).

Indicators of Sexual Abuse Can Include:

- * Symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases;
- * Injury to genital area;
- * Difficulty and/or pain when sitting or walking; Sexually suggestive, inappropriate, or promiscuous behavior or verbalization;
- * Expressing age-inappropriate knowledge of sexual relations;
- * Sexual victimization of other children.

Indicators of Maltreatment Can Include:

- * Obvious malnourishment, listlessness, or fatigue;
- * Stealing or begging for food;
- * Lack of personal care—poor personal hygiene, torn and/or dirty clothes;
- * Untreated need for glasses, dental care, or other medical attention;
- * Frequent absence from or tardiness to school;
- * Child inappropriately left unattended or without supervision.



Where Do I Call to Make a Report?

As soon as you suspect abuse or maltreatment, you must report your concerns by telephone to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). The SCR is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to receive your call. The timeliness of your call is vital to the timeliness of intervention by the local department of social services' Child Protective Services (CPS) unit. You are not required to notify the parents or other persons legally responsible either before or after your call to the SCR. In fact, in some cases, alerting the parent may hinder the local CPS investigation and adversely affect its ability to assess the safety of the children. The telephone numbers to report abuse or maltreatment by a parent, foster care or day care are:

Mandated Reporter (800) 635-1522
Public Hotline (800) 342-3720
For Abuse by Institutional Staff:
1-855-373-2122

Oral reports to the SCR from a mandated reporter must be followed within 48 hours by a written report to the local department of social services' CPS unit on form **LDSS-2221A**.

A copy of this form and the local mailing address can be obtained by contacting your local department of social services, or by visiting the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) website at ocfs.ny.gov. Click on "Forms", then click on "Try a keyword search...", enter the form number in the box and click "Find".

To contact your local department of social services, click here: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/localdss.asp>

What Happens When I Call the SCR?

There may be times when you have very little information on which to base your suspicion of abuse or maltreatment, but this should not prevent you from calling the SCR. A trained specialist at the SCR will help to determine if the information you are providing can be registered as a report.

The **LDSS-2221A Mandated Reporter** form can be used to help you organize the identifying or demographic information you have at your disposal. Be sure to ask the SCR specialist for the "Call I.D." assigned to the report you have made.

If the SCR staff does not register the child abuse or maltreatment report, the reason for their decision should be clearly explained to you. You may also request to speak to a supervisor, who can help make determinations in difficult or unusual cases.

Local CPS Role and Responsibilities

When a report is registered at the SCR, the local department of social services is immediately notified for investigation and follow-up. A local CPS caseworker will initiate an investigation within 24 hours.

CPS intervention consists of an evaluation of the child and other children in the home and the development of a plan to meet the needs of the child and family. If there is an immediate threat to the child's life or health, CPS may remove the child from the home.

Upon request, CPS may obtain from the mandated reporter those records that are essential to a full investigation of alleged child abuse and maltreatment for any report made by the mandated reporter. The mandated reporter must determine which records are essential to the full investigation and provide those records to CPS when requested to do so.

Within 60 days of initiating the investigation, CPS will determine whether the report is indicated or unfounded. Mandated reporters may ask to be informed of the outcome of the report.

Law Enforcement Referrals

If a call to the SCR provides information about an immediate threat to a child or a crime committed against a child, but the perpetrator is not a parent or other person legally responsible for the child, the SCR staff will make a Law Enforcement Referral (LER). The relevant information will be recorded and transmitted to the New York State Police Information Network or to the New York City Special Victims Liaison Unit. This is not a CPS report, and local CPS will not be involved.



What Protection or Liability Do I Have? Source Confidentiality

The Social Services Law provides confidentiality for mandated reporters and all sources of child abuse and maltreatment reports. OCFS and local CPS are not permitted to release to the subject of the report any data that would identify the source of a report unless the source has given written permission for them to do so. Information regarding the source of the report may be shared with court officials, police, and district attorneys, but only in certain circumstances.

Immunity from Liability

If a mandated reporter makes a report with earnest concern for the welfare of a child, he or she is immune from any criminal or civil liability that might result. This is referred to as making a report in “good faith.”

Protection from Retaliatory Personnel Action

Section 413 of the Social Services Law specifies that no medical or other public or private institution, school, facility or agency shall take any retaliatory personnel action against an employee who made a report to the SCR. Furthermore, no school, school official, child care provider, foster care provider, or mental health facility provider shall impose any conditions, including prior approval or prior notification, upon a member of their staff mandated to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment.

Penalties for Failure to Report

Anyone who is mandated to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment—and fails to do so—could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and subject to criminal penalties. Further, mandated reporters can be sued in a civil court for monetary damages for any harm caused by the mandated reporter's failure to make a report to the SCR.

Who Provides Training for Mandated Reporters?

The New York State Education Department (SED) Office of the Professions oversees the training requirements for mandated reporters. Some categories—including teachers, many medical professionals, and social workers—need this training as part of their licensing requirement. The training may be included in their formal education program.

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is proud to be a certified provider authorized by SED to offer mandated reporter training, and has developed a comprehensive curriculum with content customized to medical professionals, educators, law enforcement personnel, day care providers, and human services staff.

OCFS has shared this well-received curriculum with other certified providers of mandated reporter training, as well as with colleges and universities across the state that provide educational programming in the fields covered by the mandated reporter statute.

OCFS provides mandated reporter training through a contractual agreement with the CUNY School of Professional Studies.

OCFS offers a Self-Directed Online Training for mandated reporters. This two-hour web-based online training course is available 24/7 and is accessible at:

www.nysmandatedreporter.org.

There is no cost to the participant.

Special Note: Mandated Reporters who require licensure or certification through the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) are required to take mandated reporter training from a trainer who has been approved by the New York State Education Department. For more information, please go to <http://www.op.nysed.gov> or contact the New York State Education Department at:

OPPLEUCA@mail.NYSSED.gov.

Conclusion

Protecting children and preventing child abuse and maltreatment does not begin or end with reporting. Efforts to prevent child abuse and maltreatment can only be effective when mandated reporters and other concerned citizens' work together to improve the safety net in their communities.

To be most effective, your local CPS needs strong partnerships within your community. By getting to know the staff in your local CPS unit, you will gain a better understanding of how your local program is structured, and CPS will better understand how to work more effectively with you.

By working together, we can better protect our vulnerable children.

New York State Office of Children & Family Services

Capital View Office Park, 52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, New York 12144

To report child abuse and neglect, call: **1-800-342-3720**

For information on the Abandoned Infant Protection Act, call:
1-866-505-SAFE (7233)

Mandated Reporters Hotline for making child abuse and maltreatment reports:
1-800-635-1522

Justice Center for Institutional Abuse: **1-855-373-2122**

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 <https://facebook.com/nysocfs>

 <https://mobile.twitter.com/nysocfs>

 https://mobile.twitter.com/nysocfs_espanol

Child Sexual Abuse

What is sexual abuse?

Sexual abuse is a sexual offense against a child, such as rape, sodomy, engaging a child in a sexual activity, or engaging a child in – or promoting a child’s – sexual performance.

Touching offenses:

- Fondling
- Touching sexual organs
- Making a child touch an adult sexually
- Attempted or actual sexual intercourse
- Rape

Sexual exploitation:

- Child pornography
- Child prostitution
- Sex rings (this involves one or more adults who abuse children in small groups)
- Ritualistic abuse (sexual abuse as part of a ceremony)

Recognizing sexual abuse

Symptoms of sexual abuse may include physical and behavioral signs. Many children who are sexually abused never exhibit any physical signs. Behavioral signs are more common.

Physical indicators of child sexual abuse:

- Difficulty walking or sitting
- Torn, stained or bloody underclothing
- Pain or itching in the genital area
- Bruises or bleeding in the genital, vaginal or anal area
- Venereal disease
- Pregnancy

Behavioral indicators of child sexual abuse:

- Unwillingness to change for, or participate in, gym class
- Withdrawal from family, school, or friends
- Reverting to more childish or infantile behavior
- Bizarre, sophisticated or unusual sexual behavior or knowledge
- Reports of sexual abuse

Reacting to sexual abuse

In some cases, a child will disclose that he or she has been sexually abused. If a child discloses abuse, try to stay calm and, above all else, believe the child. Children rarely lie about sexual abuse. Here are some other things you should do:

- Allow the child to talk, but don't press. Don't ask the child to repeat the details over and over.
- Praise the child for telling you.
- Reassure the child that he or she is not to blame.
- Show love and respect for the child.
- Protect the child immediately from the suspected offender.

Reporting sexual abuse

If the abuse was by someone in the child's family or household, make a report to the New York State Child Abuse Reporting Hotline at 1-800-342-3720. If you are a mandated reporter, call 1-800-635-1522. The hotline will notify the local Child Protective Services (CPS), who will investigate and take needed action to protect the child.

If the abuse was by someone outside of the family and household, report to the local or state police or sheriff's department.

Myths and facts about child molesters

Knowing who child molesters may be and how they operate can help keep children safe.

The myths: Don't be fooled into thinking all child molesters are:

- Strangers or "dirty old men"
- Homosexuals
- Mentally disabled
- Lurking in alleys, parks and schoolyards
- Drug or alcohol abusers

The facts: A child molester is usually:

- A trusted adult or older teen, often a close friend or family member.
- Someone with access to children, such as a babysitter, neighbor or coach.
- A skillful manipulator, willing to use any trick he or she can, including lavish attention, gifts, force, guilt, lies about the child's family, threats to the child's family, or using child victims to "recruit" new victims.

Most adults are not molesters. Don't teach children to mistrust adults. Teach them about safety and staying alert to unusual adult behavior.

Recognizing Emotional Abuse

Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse includes parents' or caretakers' acts or omissions that cause or could cause serious conduct, cognitive, affective, or other mental disorders. For example, torture, close confinement or the constant use of verbally abusive language to harshly criticize and denigrate a child.

Emotional Neglect

It also includes emotional neglect – withholding physical and emotional contact to the detriment of the child's normal emotional development, and in extreme cases, physical development.

Warning Signs

The behavior of parents and children can offer clues to what may be occurring in the home. A parent or caregiver may be **emotionally abusing** a child if they routinely:

- Ridicule the child and mock the child's appearance, ideas, abilities, fears or accomplishments.
- Criticize the child and undermine the child's confidence and feelings of self-worth with cruel remarks such as, "You are no good," or "You should have never been born."
- Terrorize the child by yelling repeatedly, threatening to beat or abandon the child, or exposing the child to family violence.
- Reject the child by consistently denying affection or clearly favoring a sibling.
- Humiliate the child or shame the child in front of others as a form of discipline.
- Blame the child without cause or make the child feel responsible for anything that goes wrong.

A parent or caregiver may be **emotionally neglecting** a child if they routinely:

- Fail to show interest in the child's thoughts, feelings, or activities.
- Withhold affection when the child falls short of the parent's unrealistic expectations.
- Fail to express warmth or tenderness to the child.
- Isolate the child and refuse to allow the child to interact with others.

Physical indicators

Emotional maltreatment can be difficult to detect. The following physical and behavioral indicators do not always imply abuse and neglect, but adults should be concerned if a child regularly exhibits several of indicators.

Physical indicators of emotional maltreatment: physical developmental delays, wetting of bed or pants, speech disorders, health problems such as ulcers, asthma, or skin disorders, severe allergies, obesity, extreme weight loss or gain, or poor appearance

Behavioral indicators

Behavioral indicators of emotional maltreatment: habit disorders such as sucking, biting, or rocking, destructive behavior to self and/or others, depression, extremes in behavior, aggressive or withdrawn behavior, phobias, sleep disorders, mental or emotional developmental delays, anti-social behavior such as cruelty, vandalism, stealing, or cheating, learning disorders, inappropriately adult or infantile behavior, suicidal thoughts or actions

Reporting emotional abuse

It may be necessary to file a report of child abuse and neglect with the reporting hotline at the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment. The number is **1-800-342-3720**. They will notify the local Child Protective Services (CPS), which is part of the county Department of Social Services. The reason to make a report is to get help for the child and the family. CPS will investigate and take needed action to protect the child and to help the parent(s) solve problems which are leading to violence, abuse, and neglect.

Help is available

If you or someone you know needs help, the Prevention Information Resource Center and Parent Helpline is available throughout New York State, 24 hours a day, in English and Spanish at **1-800-342-7472**. Someone will listen to your concerns and give you information about programs and services that help and support parents and children.

Local Departments of Social Services (LDSSs) in NY

NYSED Mandated Child Abuse Workshop

Visit <https://ocfs.ny.gov/directories/localdss.php> for a map of the state with direct links to the LDSSs in NY.

Albany

162 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12210

Phone: (518) 447-7300

Website: <https://www.albanycounty.com/departments...>

Department for Children, Youth & Families (Albany County)

112 State Street, Room 300

Albany, NY 12207

Phone: (518) 447-7324

Fax: (518) 447-7578

Website: <http://www.albanycounty.com/cyf/>

Allegany

County Office Building

7 Court St.

Belmont, NY 14813-1077

Phone: (585) 268-9622

Website: <http://www.alleganyco.com/departments/so...>

Broome

36-42 Main Street

Binghamton, NY 13905-3199

Phone: (607) 778-8850

Website: <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/dss/>

Cattaraugus

One Leo Moss Drive, Suite 6010

Olean, NY 14760-1158

Phone: (716) 373-8065

Website: <http://www.cattco.org/social-services/so...>

Cayuga

County Office Building

160 Genesee Street, 2nd Floor

Auburn, NY 13021-3433

Phone: (315) 253-1451

Website: <http://www.cayugacounty.us/260/Social-Se...>

Chautauqua

Hall R. Clothier Building

Mayville, NY 14757

Phone: (716) 753-4590

Website: <http://chautauqua.ny.us/>

Chemung

Human Resource Center

425 Pennsylvania Avenue

P.O. Box 588

Elmira, NY 14902-0588

Phone: (607) 737-5309

Website: <http://www.chemungcounty.com/departments...>

Chenango

5 Court Street and 14 West Park Place

Norwich, NY 13815

Phone: (607) 337-1500

Website: <http://chenangodss.org/>

Clinton

13 Durkee Street

Plattsburgh, NY 12901-2911

Phone: (518) 565-3300

Website: <http://www.clintoncountygov.com/>

Columbia

25 Railroad Avenue

P.O. Box 458

Hudson, NY 12534

Phone: (518) 828-9411

Website: <http://www.columbiacountyny.com/>

Cortland

County Office Building

60 Central Avenue

Cortland, NY 13045-5590

Phone: (607) 753-5248

Website: <http://www.cortland-co.org/>

Delaware

111 Main Street

P.O. Box 469

Delhi, NY 13753-1265

Phone: (607) 832-5300

Website: <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments...>

Dutchess

60 Market Street

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-3299

Phone: (845) 486-3000

Website: <http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/D...>

Erie

Rath County Office Building

95 Franklin Street, 8th Floor

Buffalo, NY 14202-3959

Phone: 716-858-8000

Website: <http://www2.erie.gov/socialservices/>

Essex

7551 Court St.

P.O. Box 217

Elizabethtown, NY 12932

Phone: (518) 873-3441

Website: <https://www.co.essex.ny.us/wp/>

Franklin

184 Finney Blvd.

Malone, NY 12953

Phone: (518) 481-1888

Website: <https://countyfranklin.digitaltowpath.or...>

Fulton

4 Daisy Lane

P.O. Box 549

Johnstown, NY 12095

Phone: (518) 736-5640

Website: <http://www.fultoncountyny.gov/node/36>

Genesee

5130 East Main Street, Suite #3

Batavia, NY 14020-3497

Phone: (585) 344-2580

Website: <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/...>

Greene

411 Main Street

P.O. Box 528

Catskill, NY 12414-1716

Phone: (518) 719-3700 or Toll Free 1-877-794-9268

Website: <https://www.greenegovernment.com/departm...>

Hamilton

White Birch Lane

P.O. Box 725

Indian Lake, NY 12842-0725

Phone: (518) 648-6131

Website: <http://www.hamiltoncounty.com/government...>

Herkimer

301 North Washington Street

Suite 2110

Herkimer, NY 13350

Phone: (315) 867-1291

Website: <http://herkimercounty.org/content/Depart...>

Jefferson

Human Services Building

250 Arsenal Street

Watertown, NY 13601

Phone: (315) 782-9030

Website: <https://co.jefferson.ny.us/SocialServices>

Lewis

5274 Outer Stowe Street

P.O. Box 193

Lowville, NY 13367

Phone: (315) 376-5400

Website: <https://www.lewiscounty.org/departments/...>

Livingston

1 Murray Hill Drive

Mt. Morris, NY 14510-1699

Phone: (585) 243-7300

Website: <http://www.co.livingston.state.ny.us/dss...>

Madison

Madison County Complex, Building 1

133 North Court Street

P.O. Box 637

Wampsville, NY 13163

Phone: (315) 366-2211

Website: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/233/Soc...>

Monroe

111 Westfall Road

Rochester, NY 14620-4686

Phone: (585) 753-6298

Website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/hs-index.php>

Montgomery

County Office Building

P.O. Box 745

Fonda, NY 12068

Phone: (518) 853-4646

Website: <https://www.co.montgomery.ny.us/web/site...>

Nassau

60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd
Uniondale, NY 11553-3656

Phone: (516) 227-8519

Website: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/...>

New York City

Administration for Children's Services

150 William St., 18th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Phone: Dial 311 or (212) 341-0900

Website: <http://www.nyc.gov/acs>

NYC Department of Social Services

150 Greenwich Street
Commissioner - 42nd floor / Legal - 38th floor
New York, NY 10007

Phone: Info-Line: (718) 557-1399

Outside NYC: (718) 557-1399

Website: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/home/ho...>

Niagara

20 East Avenue
P.O. Box 506
Lockport, NY 14095-0506

Phone: (716) 439-7600

Website: <http://www.niagaracounty.com/socialservi...>

Oneida

County Office Building

800 Park Avenue

Utica, NY 13501-2981

Phone: (315) 798-5700

Website: <http://www.ocgov.net/oneida/socialservices>

Onondaga

John H. Mulroy Civic Center

421 Montgomery Street, 7th Floor

Syracuse, NY 13202

Phone: (315) 435-2884

Website: <http://ongov.net/cfs/>

Ontario

3010 County Complex Drive

Canandaigua, NY 14424-1296

Phone: (585) 396-4060 or Toll Free (877) 814-6907

Website: http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/social_servi...

Orange

11 Quarry Road, Box Z

Goshen, NY 10924-0678

Phone: (845) 291-4000

Website: <https://www.orangecountygov.com/680/Soci...>

Orleans

14016 Route 31 West

Albion, NY 14411-9365

Phone: (585) 589-7000

Website: <https://orleanscountyny.com/departments/...>

Oswego

100 Spring Street

P.O. Box 1320

Mexico, NY 13114

Phone: (315) 963-5000

Website: <https://www.oswegocounty.com/departments...>

Otsego

County Office Building

197 Main Street

Cooperstown, NY 13326-1196

Phone: (607) 547-4355

Website: <http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/dss/>

Putnam

110 Old Route 6

Carmel, NY 10512-2110

Phone: (845) 808-1500

Website: <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/social-ser...>

Rensselaer

127 Bloomingrove Drive

Troy, NY 12180-8403

Phone: (518) 833-6000

Website: <http://www.rensco.com/departments/social...>

Rockland

Robert L. Yeager Health Center
Sanatorium Road, Building L
Pomona, NY 10970

Phone: (845) 364-3100

Website: <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/social...>

Saint Lawrence

Harold B. Smith County Office Building
6 Judson Street
Canton, NY 13617-1197

Phone: (315) 379-2111

Website: <https://www.stlawco.org/Departments/Soci...>

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

412 State Route 37
Akwasasne, NY 13655

Phone: (518) 358-2272

Website: https://www.srmt-nsn.gov/department_of_s...

Saratoga

152 West High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Phone: (518) 884-4140

Website: <http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departme...>

Schenectady

797 Broadway
Schenectady, NY 12305

Phone: (518) 388-4470

Website: <https://www.schenectadycounty.com/dss>

Schoharie

County Office Building

P.O. Box 687

Schoharie, NY 12157

Phone: (518) 295-8334

Website: <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/depa...>

Schuyler

323 Owego Street, Unit 3

Montour Falls, NY 14865

Phone: (607) 535-8303

Website: <http://www.schuylercounty.us/dss.htm>

Seneca

1 DiPronio Drive

P.O. Box 690

Waterloo, NY 13165-0690

Phone: (315) 539-1800

Website: <https://www.co.seneca.ny.us/gov/services/>

Steuben

3 East Pulteney Square

Bath, NY 14810

Phone: (607) 664-2000

Website: <https://www.steubencony.org/Pages.asp?PG...>

Suffolk

MacArthur Building
3085 Veterans Memorial Highway
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Phone: (631) 854-9930

Website: <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departmen...>

Sullivan

16 Community Lane
P.O. Box 231
Liberty, NY 12754

Phone: (845) 292-0100

Website: <http://sullivanny.us/Departments/Healtha...>

Tioga

1062 State Route 38
P.O. Box 240
Owego, NY 13827

Phone: (607) 687-8300

Website: <https://www.tiogacountyny.com/department...>

Tompkins

Human Services Building
320 West Martin Luther King Jr.
West State Street
Ithaca, NY. 14850

Phone: (607) 274-5680

Website: <http://tompkinscountyny.gov/dss>

Ulster

1061 Development Court
Kingston, NY 12401-1959

Phone: (845) 334-5000

Website: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/social-services>

Warren

Warren Co. Municipal Center
1340 State Route 9
Lake George, NY 12845-9803

Phone: (518) 761-6300

Website: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/socserv/>

Washington

Municipal Center, Building B
383 Broadway
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Phone: (518) 746-2300

Website: <http://www.washingtoncountyny.gov/517/So...>

Wayne

77 Water Street
P.O. Box 10
Lyons, NY 14489-0010

Phone: (315) 946-4881

Website: <http://web.co.wayne.ny.us/wayne-county-s...>

Westchester

112 East Post Road
White Plains, NY 10601

Phone: (914) 995-6521

Website: <http://socialservices.westchestergov.com/>

Wyoming

466 North Main Street
Warsaw, NY 14569-1080

Phone: (585) 786-8900

Website: <http://www.wyomingco.net/205/Social-Serv...>

Yates

County Office Building
417 Liberty Street, Suite 2122
Penn Yan, NY 14527-1118

Phone: (315) 536-5183

Website: <http://www.yatescounty.org/317/Social-Se...>

Resources for Mandated Reporters

NYSED Mandated Child Abuse Workshop

Administration for Children & Families — www.acf.hhs.gov

- The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a federal agency funding state, territory, local, and tribal organizations to provide family assistance (welfare), child support, child care, Head Start, child welfare, and other programs relating to children and families.

ACF – Children’s Bureau Express — www.cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov

- The Children's Bureau Express is designed for professionals concerned with child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and adoption. The Children's Bureau Express is supported by the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and published by the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse.

Annie E. Casey Foundation — www.aecf.org

- Since 1948, the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) has worked to build better futures for disadvantaged children and their families in the United States. The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families.

Child Abuse Evaluation & Treatment for Medical Providers — www.childabusemd.com

- Website from pediatrician Ann S Botash, MD (Syracuse NY) with child abuse information that offers tools and resources with which to diagnose and manage child and adolescent abuse victims. It is a resource for medical providers who do not have a background or expertise in child abuse pediatrics and are striving to develop best practice standards for their patient care setting.

Child Abuse Reporting — www.dorightbykids.org

- Monroe County Health and Human Services maintains a Website dedicated to learning about preventing and reporting child abuse.

Child Welfare League of America — www.cwla.org

- The Child Welfare League of America is the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization. It is committed to engaging people everywhere in promoting the well-being of children, youth, and their families, and protecting every child from harm.

Healthy Families New York (HFNY) — www.healthyfamiliesnewyork.org

- Established by the OCFS & a Healthy Families America (HFA) accredited home visiting program, HFNY seeks to improve the health and well-being of infants and children through home-based services delivered by non-profit organizations in local communities.

National Children's Alliance — www.nca-online.org

- The National Children's Alliance is a group of 53 national organizations with an interest in the well-being of children and youth.

National Data Archive on Child Abuse & Neglect — www.ndacan.cornell.edu

- A resource since 1988, NDACAN promotes scholarly exchange among researchers in the child maltreatment field. NDACAN acquires microdata from leading researchers and national data collection efforts and makes these datasets available to the research community for secondary analysis.

National Foster Youth Initiative — www.nfyi.org/issues/child-welfare/

- An organization dedicated to organizing foster youth and families, foster care alumni, and allies in Congress and across the country, to advocate for the transformation of the nation's child welfare system.

New York Children's Alliance (NYSCA) — www.nyschildrensalliance.org/

- NYSCA is the membership organization representing Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) which provide services to abused children in 61 counties and four tribal nations throughout New York State.

New York State Education Department NYSED — nysed.gov

- NYSED has a specific section dedicated to information regarding Child Abuse Prevention Training required of school officials, teachers, etc, at this link: <http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/child-abuse-prevention-training>

New York State Mandated Reporter Resource Center — www.nysmandatedreporter.org

- A website with free resources and information specifically for Mandated Reporters in NY State.

New York State Office for Children and Family Services (OCFS) — www.ocfs.ny.gov

- A variety of resource information related to child abuse and maltreatment/neglect specific to New York State. The OCFS has several brochures, website links, and information available to MRs to help in prevention, identification, and reporting of child abuse/maltreatment at this link: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/prevention/resources.asp>
- For Child Welfare manuals including the most recent 2018 NYS CPS Manual, visit this link: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/sppd/child-welfare-manuals.php>
- For information specific to the Abandoned Infant Protection Act in NY State, call 1-866-505-SAFE (7233) or visit this link: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/safe/>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention — www.ojjdp.ojp.gov

- This federal office works to prevent juvenile delinquency, improve the juvenile justice system, and protect children.
- They have the OJJDP Portable Guides to Investigating Child Abuse, a series providing practical references for law enforcement and other professionals to determine whether a child has been abused or exploited and to collect evidence necessary for effective prosecution, at this link:
<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/library/publications/types#7>

Prevent Child Abuse NY (PCANY) — www.preventchildabuseny.org

- A statewide advocacy organization in NY regarding child abuse/maltreatment, with numerous resources to assist families as well as reporters.

Safety First Hotline — 718-KIDSAFE (543-7233)

- A hotline created by the NYC Administration for Children's Services (ACS) for mandated reporters such as employees of City agencies, schools, nonprofit providers, hospitals, law enforcement and childcare providers. The hotline was set up to assist in answering questions and address ongoing safety concerns related to open ACS cases.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — www.hhs.gov

- A wide variety of resources is available on the home page of this federal agency, including specific information on HIPAA (<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html>).

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
**REPORT OF SUSPECTED
CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT**

REPORT DATE / /		CASE ID	CALL ID
TIME :	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	LOCAL CASE #	LOCAL DIST./AGENCY

SUBJECTS OF REPORT

List all children in household, adults responsible and alleged subjects.										
Line #	Last name	First name	Aliases	Sex (m, f, unk)	Birthday or Age mo/day/yr	Race code	Ethnicity (Ck only if hispanic/latino)	Relation code	Role code	Lang. code
1.							<input type="checkbox"/>			
2.							<input type="checkbox"/>			
3.							<input type="checkbox"/>			
4.							<input type="checkbox"/>			
5.							<input type="checkbox"/>			
6.							<input type="checkbox"/>			
7.							<input type="checkbox"/>			

MORE

List addresses and telephone numbers (using line numbers from above)	(Area code) Telephone No.
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BASIS OF SUSPICIONS

Alleged suspicions of abuse or maltreatment. Give child(ren)'s line number(s). If all children, write "ALL".

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOA/fatality | <input type="checkbox"/> Poisoning/noxious substances | <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling/dislocation/sprains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fractures | <input type="checkbox"/> Choking/twisting/shaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational neglect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internal injuries (e.g., subdural hematoma) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of medical care | <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional neglect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lacerations/bruises/welts | <input type="checkbox"/> Malnutrition/failure to thrive | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate food/clothing/shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burns/scalding | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of supervision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive corporal punishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate guardianship | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's drug/alcohol use | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent's drug/alcohol misuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Trafficking | | |

State reasons for suspicion, including the nature and extent of each child's injuries, abuse or maltreatment, past and present, and any evidence or suspicions of "Parental" behavior contributing to the problem. (If known, give time/date of alleged incident)

MO
DAY
YR

Time : AM PM

Additional sheet attached with more explanation. The Mandated Reporter Requests Finding of Investigation Yes No

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SOURCE(S) OF REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL

NAME	(Area Code) TELEPHONE No. () -	NAME	(Area Code) TELEPHONE No. () -
ADDRESS		ADDRESS	
AGENCY/INSTITUTION		AGENCY/INSTITUTION	

RELATIONSHIP

- Med. exam/coroner
 Physician
 Hosp. staff
 Law enforcement
 Neighbor
 Relative
 Instit. staff
 Social services
 Public health
 Mental health
 School staff
 Other (specify) _____

**For use by
Physicians
only**

MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS ON CHILD	SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN WHO EXAMINED/TREATED CHILD X	(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NO. ()
Hospitalization required: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Under 1 week <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Over 2 weeks		

- Actions taken or About to be taken:
 Medical exam
 X-ray
 Removal/keeping
 Notify medical examiner/coroner
 Photographs
 Hospitalization
 Returning home
 Notified DA

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING THIS REPORT: X	TITLE	DATE SUBMITTED mo. day yr. / /
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TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE LDSS-2221A FORM: Via Internet: http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/forms_keyword.asp OR

TO ORDER A SUPPLY OF FORMS ACCESS FORM (OCFS-4627) Request for Forms and Publications, from the site above, fill it out and send to: **OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS UNIT, 52 WASHINGTON ST. ROOM 134 NORTH, RENSSELAER, NY 12144-2834**. If you have difficulty accessing this form from either site, you can call the **Forms Order Line at 518-473-0971**. Leave a detailed message including your name, address, city, state, the form number you need, the quantity and a phone number in case we need to contact you.

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

RACE CODE	ETHNICITY CODE	RELATION CODES FAMILIAL REPORTS (Choose One)		ROLE CODE (Choose One)	LANGUAGE CODE (Choose One)	
AA: Black or African-American AL: Alaskan Native AS: Asian NA: Native American PI: Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander WH: White XX: Other UNK: Unknown	(Check Only If Hispanic/ Latino)	AU: Aunt/Uncle CH: Child GP: Grandparent FM: Other family member FP: Foster parent DC: Daycare provider	XX: Other PA: Parent PS: Parent substitute UH: Unrelated home member UK: Unknown	AB: Abused child MA: Maltreated child AS: Alleged subject (perpetrator) NO: No role UK: Unknown	CH: Chinese CR: Creole EN: English FR: French GR: German HI: Hindi HW: Hebrew IT: Italian JP: Japanese	KR: Korean MU: Multiple PL: Polish RS: Russian SI: Sign SP: Spanish VT: Vietnamese XX: Other
		IAB REPORTS ONLY				
		AR: Administrator CW: Child care worker DO: Director/operator	IN: Instit. non-prof IP: Instit. pers/vol. PI: Psychiatric staff			

Abstract of Sections from Article 6, Title 6, Social Services Law

Section 412. Definitions

- Definition of Child Abuse**, (see also N.Y.S. Family Court Act Section 1012(e))
An "abused child" is a child less than eighteen years of age whose parent or other person legally responsible for his care:
 - inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the child serious physical injury, or
 - creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury, or
 - commits sexual abuse against the child or allows sexual abuse to be committed.
- Definition of Child Maltreatment**, (see also N.Y.S. Family Court Act, Section 1012(f))
A "maltreated child" is a child under eighteen years of age whose physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as a result of the failure of his parent or other person legally responsible for his care to exercise a minimum degree of care:
 - in supplying the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, medical or surgical care, though financially able to do so or offered financial or other reasonable means to do so; or
 - in providing the child with proper supervision or guardianship; or
 - by unreasonably inflicting, or allowing to be inflicted, harm or a substantial risk thereof, including the infliction of excessive corporal punishment; or
 - by misusing a drug or drugs; or
 - by misusing alcoholic beverages to the extent that he loses self-control of his actions; or
 - by any other acts of a similarly serious nature requiring the aid of the Family Court; or
 - by abandoning the child.

Section 415. Reporting Procedure. Reports of suspected child abuse or maltreatment shall be made immediately by telephone and in writing within 48 hours after such oral report.

Submit the written paper copy of the LDSS-2221A form originally signed to: the Local County Department of Social Services (LDSS) where the abused/maltreated child resides.

To locate your Local Department of Social Services, visit this site <http://ocfs.state.ny.us/main/localdss.asp>.

Residential institutional abuse reports: Call 1-855-373-2122 or go online to: <https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/>

**NYS CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT REGISTER: 1-800-635-1522 (FOR MANDATED REPORTERS ONLY)
1-800-342-3720 (FOR PUBLIC CALLERS)**

Section 419. Immunity from Liability. Pursuant to section 419 of the Social Services Law, any person, official, or institution participating in good faith in the making of a report of suspected child abuse or maltreatment, the taking of photographs, or the removal or keeping of a child pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Social Services Law shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise result by reason of such actions. For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any such person, official, or institution required to report cases of child abuse or maltreatment shall be presumed, provided such person, official or institution was acting in discharge of their duties and within the scope of their employment, and that such liability did not result from the willful misconduct or gross negligence of such person, official or institution.

Section 420. Penalties for Failure to Report.

- Any person, official, or institution required by this title to report a case of suspected child abuse or maltreatment who willfully fails to do so shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- Any person, official, or institution required by this title to report a case of suspected child abuse or maltreatment who knowingly and willfully fails to do so shall be civilly liable for the damages proximately caused by such failure.

STAPLE TO LDSS-2221A (IF NEEDED)

**REPORT OF SUSPECTED
CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT**

(Use only if the space on the LDSS-2221A under "Reasons for Suspicion" is not enough to accommodate your information)

REPORT DATE / /	CASE ID	CALL ID
TIME : <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	LOCAL CASE #	LOCAL DIST/AGENCY

**PERSON MAKING
THIS REPORT:** _____

Print clearly if filling out hard copy.

<p>Continued: State reasons for suspicion, including the nature and extent of each child's injuries, abuse or maltreatment, past and present, and any evidence or suspicions of "Parental" behavior contributing to the problem.</p>	<p>(If known, give time/date of alleged incident)</p> <p>MO DAY YR</p> <p>Time : <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM</p>
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ESTADO DE NUEVA YORK
 OFICINA DE SERVICIOS PARA NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS
**INFORME DE SOSPECHA DE ABUSO
 O MALTRATO DE NIÑOS**

FECHA DEL INFORME	ID DEL CASO	ID DEL CASO
HORA : :	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	CASO LOCAL # DISTRITO/AGENCIA LOCAL

SUJETOS DEL REPORTE

Enumere todos los niños en el hogar, adultos responsables y sujetos alegados.

Línea #	apellido	Primer nombre	Alias	Sexo (m, f, desconocido)	DOB o edad mes/día/año	Código Racial	Etnicidad (marque sólo si es hispano/latino)	Código de relación	Código de papel/rol	Código de idioma
1.					/ /		<input type="checkbox"/>			
2.					/ /		<input type="checkbox"/>			
3.					/ /		<input type="checkbox"/>			
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6.					/ /		<input type="checkbox"/>			
7.					/ /		<input type="checkbox"/>			

MÁS INFORMACIÓN

Indique las direcciones y los números de teléfono haciendo referencia a los números de arriba. (Prefijo) No. de teléfono

RAZONES DE LA(S) SOSPECHA(S)

Alegaciones de las sospechas de abuso o maltrato. Provea los números asignados arriba por niño(a). Si se aplica a todos los niños, indique **TODOS**.

<input type="checkbox"/> DOA/muerte	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustancias venenosas/nocivas	<input type="checkbox"/> Hinchazón/dislocación/esguince
<input type="checkbox"/> Fracturas	<input type="checkbox"/> Asfixia/torcedura/sacudida	<input type="checkbox"/> Negligencia educativa
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesiones internas (p. ej. hematoma subdural)	<input type="checkbox"/> Falta de atención médica	<input type="checkbox"/> Negligencia emocional
<input type="checkbox"/> Laceraciones/moretones/verdugones	<input type="checkbox"/> Desnutrición/retraso en el desarrollo	<input type="checkbox"/> Comida/ropa/vivienda inadecuada
<input type="checkbox"/> Quemaduras/escaldaduras	<input type="checkbox"/> Abuso sexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Falta de supervisión
<input type="checkbox"/> Castigo corporal excesivo	<input type="checkbox"/> Tutoría inadecuada	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandono
<input type="checkbox"/> Uso de drogas/alcohol por el niño(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Otro (especifique) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mal uso de drogas/alcohol por los padres
<input type="checkbox"/> Tráfico sexual		

Indique las razones de la(s) sospecha(s), incluyendo la naturaleza y la extensión de las lesiones de cada niño(a), el abuso o el maltrato, pasado y presente, y cualesquier evidencias o sospechas del comportamiento del padre o la madre que contribuya al problema. (Si se conoce, provea la hora/fecha del alegado incidente)

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AÑO

Hora : AM PM

Hoja adicional adjunta con más explicaciones.

El Informante bajo mandato solicita resultados de la investigación:

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FUENTE(S) DEL INFORME

CONFIDENCIAL

NOMBRE	(Prefijo) TELÉFONO	NOMBRE	(Area Code) TELÉFONO
DIRECCIÓN		DIRECCIÓN	
AGENCIA/INSTITUCIÓN		AGENCIA/INSTITUCIÓN	

RELACIÓN

Examen médico/coronario Médico Personal hosp. Personal del orden Vecino Familiar Personal de institución

Serv. sociales Salud pública Salud mental Personal escolar Otro (especifique) _____

Sólo para Médicos	DIAGNOSIS MEDICA DEL NIÑO(A)	FIRMA DEL MEDICO QUE EXAMINO/TRATO AL NIÑO(A)	(PREFIJO) NO. DE TELEFONO ()
	Hospitalización requerida: <input type="checkbox"/> Ninguna <input type="checkbox"/> Menos de 1 semana <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 semanas <input type="checkbox"/> Más de 2 semanas		

Acciones tomadas o Examen médico Rayos X Retiro/retención Notificación al médico/coronario

Acciones por tomarse Fotografías Hospitalización Retorno al hogar Notificación al DA

FIRMA DE LA PERSONA QUE TOMO EL INFORME: **X** TITULO FECHA PRESENTADA Mes Día Año / /

PARA OBTENER UNA COPIA DEL FORMULARIO LDSS-2221-S: Por internet: http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/forms_keyword.asp O

PARA ORDENAR UN ABASTECIMIENTO, USE EL FORMULARIO OCFS-4627: Request for Forms and Publications de cualquier enlace de arriba; complételo y envíelo a la siguiente dirección: **OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS UNIT, 52 WASHINGTON ST. ROOM 134 NORTH, RENSSELAER, NY 12144-2834.**

Si tiene dificultad en obtener este formulario de cualquier enlace, llame a la **Línea de Formularios** al **518-473-0971**. Deje un mensaje detallado, incluyendo su nombre, dirección, ciudad, estado, el número del formulario que necesita, la cantidad y el número de teléfono en caso que necesitemos contactarlo.

OFICINA DE SERVICIOS PARA NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS DEL ESTADO DE NUEVA YORK

CÓDIGO RACIAL	CÓDIGO ÉTNICO	CÓDIGOS DE RELACIONES INFORMES DE FAMILIA (Escoja Uno)		CÓDIGO DEL PAPEL/ROL (Escoja Uno)	CÓDIGO DEL IDIOMA (Escoja Uno)	
AA: Negro o Africano Americano AL: Nativo de Alaska AS: Asiático NA: Nativo de América (EE.UU.) PI: Nativo de Hawái/Islands del Pacífico WH: Blanco XX: Otro UNK: Desconocido	(Marque sólo si es hispano/latino)	AU: Tío/tía CH: Niño(a) GP: Abuelo(a) FM: Otro miembro familiar FP: Padre/madre de crianza DC: Proveedor(a) de cuidado diurno	XX: Otro PA: Padre/madre PS: Padre/madre sustituto(a) UH: Miembro del hogar sin relación UK: Desconocido	AB: Niño(a) abusado MA: Niño(a) maltratado AS: Sujeto alegado (infractor(a)) NO: Sin un papel/rol UK: Desconocido	CH: Chino CR: Creole EN: Inglés FR: Francés GR: Alemán HI: Hindi HW: Hebreo IT: Italiano JP: Japonés	KR: Coreano MU: Múltiple PL: Polaco RS: Ruso SI: Señas SP: Español VT: Vietnamés XX: Otro
		SÓLO INFORMES DE IAB				
		AR: Administrador CW: Trabajador de cuidado infantil DO: Director/operador	IN: Instit. no-profesional IP: Instit. pers./vol. PI: Personal psiquiátrico			

Abstracto de las Secciones del Artículo 6, Título 6, Ley de Servicios Sociales

Sección 412. Definiciones

- Definición de Abuso de Niños** (Vea también la Sección 1012(e) del Acta del Tribunal de Familia del Estado de Nueva York).
Un "niño abusado" es un niño(a) de menos de 18 años de edad cuyo padre/madre u otra persona legalmente responsable por su cuidado:
 - 1) causa o permite que se inflija serios daños o lesiones físicas en el niño(a);
 - 2) cree o permite que se cree un riesgo sustancial de daños o lesiones físicas; o
 - 3) comete abuso sexual contra el niño(a) o permite que se lleve a cabo abuso sexual contra el niño(a).
- Definición de Maltrato Infantil** (Vea también la Sección 1012(f) del Acta del Tribunal de Familia del Estado de Nueva York).
Un "niño maltratado" es un niño(a) menor de 18 años de edad cuya condición física, mental o emocional ha sido afectada o está en peligro inminente de ser afectada por la falla cometida por su padre/madre u otra persona legalmente responsable por su cuidado de ejercer el mínimo grado de cuidado o atención:
 - 1) en abastecer al niño(a) de comida, vestimenta, albergue, educación y cuidado médico o cirugía adecuada, siendo capaz de hacerlo financieramente o habiéndosele ofrecido medios financieros u otros razonables para hacerlo; o
 - 2) en proveer supervisión o tutoría apropiada al niño(a); o
 - 3) en causar o permitir que se inflija daño o riesgo sustancial de daño no razonable, incluyendo la imposición de castigo corporal; o
 - 4) por el mal uso de drogas; o
 - 5) por el mal uso de bebidas alcohólicas en la medida en que pierdan el control de sus acciones; o
 - 6) por cualquier otro acto similarmente serio que requiera la ayuda del Tribunal de Familia; o
 - 7) por abandono del niño(a).

Sección 415. Procedimiento del Informe. El informe de sospecha de maltrato o abuso de niños debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono, y debe hacerse por escrito dentro de las 48 horas de haberse hecho el informe oral.

Envíe una copia del formulario LDSS-2221A-S por escrito con su firma original al Departamento de Servicios Sociales Local (LDSS) del condado donde reside el niño(a) abusado/maltratado.

Para localizar el Departamento de Servicios Sociales apropiado, visite este enlace: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/localdss.asp>

Informes de Abuso en Instituciones Residenciales: Llame al 1-855-373-2122 o visite el portal <http://justicecenter.ny.gov>.

REGISTRO DE ABUSO Y MALTRATO INFANTIL DEL ESTADO DE NUEVA YORK: 1-800-635-1522 (SÓLO PARA INFORMANTES BAJO MANDATO) 1-800-342-3720 (PARA EL PÚBLICO)

Sección 419. Inmunidad de Responsabilidad De acuerdo a la Sección 419 de la Ley de Servicios Sociales, cualquier persona, funcionario o institución que participe de buena fe en hacer un informe de sospecha de abuso o maltrato infantil, en la toma de fotografías, o en retirar o mantener a un niño(a) de acuerdo a las provisiones relevantes de la Ley de Servicios Sociales tendrá inmunidad de cualquier responsabilidad civil o criminal que de otra manera se aplicaría por razón de esas acciones. Para propósitos de cualquier procedimiento civil o criminal, la buena fe de tal persona, funcionario o institución bajo mandato de informar casos de abuso o maltrato infantil se presumirá a condición de que tal persona, funcionario o institución haya actuado en ejercicio de sus funciones y dentro del alcance de su trabajo, y que tal responsabilidad no sea el resultado de mala conducta o negligencia intencional de esa persona, funcionario o institución.

Sección 420. Penalidades por la Falla de No Informar

1. Cualquier persona, funcionario o institución requerida por este título a informar un caso de sospecha de abuso o maltrato infantil que falle intencionalmente en hacer un informe será culpable de un delito de clase A.
2. Cualquier persona, funcionario o institución requerida por este título a informar un caso de sospecha de abuso o maltrato infantil que falle intencionalmente en hacer un informe será responsable civilmente por los daños causados por esa falla.

ENGRAMPE AL FORMULARIO LDSS-2221A-S (SI ES NECESARIO)

**INFORME DE SOSPECHA DE ABUSO
O MALTRATO INFANTIL**

(Use sólo si el espacio bajo "Razones de la(s) Sospecha(s)" en LDSS-2221A-S no es suficiente para acomodar su información).

FECHA DEL INFORME	ID DEL CASO	ID DE LA LLAMADA
HORA : : : : :	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	# CASO LOCAL
		DISTRITO LOCAL/AGENCIA

PERSONA HACIENDO ESTE INFORME: _____

Escriba en letra de imprenta claramente si está completando a mano.

<p>Continuación: Indique las razones de la(s) sospecha(s), incluyendo la naturaleza y el alcance de las lesiones o daños de cada niño(a), abuso o maltrato, ya sea en el pasado y en el presente, y cualquier evidencia o sospecha de comportamiento del padre o de la madre que contribuyó al problema.</p>	<p>(Si se conoce, provea la hora/fecha del incidente alegado)</p> <p>MES DÍA AÑO</p> <p>HORA : <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM</p>
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