

## Mandatory Reporting of Maltreatment of a Minor Policy

State law requires that a person who knows or has reason to believe a child is being neglected or physically or sexually abused, or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused within the preceding three years, must immediately report the information to the local welfare agency, agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report, police department or county sheriff. Those persons required to make such a report include a professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of social services, child care, or education ("Mandated Reporter").

"Immediately" means as soon as possible but in no event longer than 24 hours. An oral report made by telephone or otherwise must be followed, within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays, by a report in writing to the appropriate police department, the county sheriff, the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report, or the local welfare agency.

A Mandated Reporter who knows or has reason to believe that a child is neglected or physically or sexually abused or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused within the preceding three years, and fails to report may be found to be guilty of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor. Any person making a voluntary or mandated report is immune from civil or criminal liability if he/she is acting in good faith.

Persons making reports pursuant to this Policy must also report the information to the Title IX Coordinator.