

Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Requirements Acknowledgement

All child care personnel are mandated by law to report their suspicions of child abuse, neglect or abandonment to the Florida Abuse Hotline in accordance with section 415.504(1)(e) of the Florida Statutes (F.S.). This material is covered in Part 1, the 22-hour Introductory Child Care Training course which is mandatory for all child care personnel.

- “Child Abuse or Neglect” is defined in s.415.503(3), F.S. as “harm or threatened harm to a child’s mental or physical health or welfare by the act of omission of a parent, adult, household member, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare, or for purposes of reporting requirements by any person.
- Reports must be made immediately to the centralized Florida Abuse Hotline at 1.800.96.ABUSE (962.2873).
- It is important to give as much information as possible when making the report.
- Any person when acting in good faith, is immune for liability in accordance with s.415.511,F.S.
- Child care personnel must be alert to the physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and neglect.

Categories include: Physical Abuse (i.e. unexplained bruises, burns...)
Physical Neglect (i.e. hunger, poor hygiene, lack of supervision....)
Sexual Abuse (i.e. withdrawal, excessive crying, physical symptoms...)
Mental Injury (i.e. impairment in the ability to function, depression...)

This statement is to verify that on _____, 20____, _____
Date Name of Staff

Read the above material. I further understand that I am required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with the mandates of s.415.502, F.S.

Signature of Staff

Signature of Witness