## Mandated Reporting of Suspected Abuse or Neglect







#### A Little Bit About Go to Webinar

- CHAT BOX: communicate to the trainers
- Introduce yourself: Type your name/role/county in the chat
- Type questions in the question box
- Troubleshooting
- Obtaining certificates

#### Participating as a Group

- Sign in electronically by including names/roles/county of all participants
- Supervisor will be the attendance verifier

## Objectives

Support Ohio Part C Early Intervention field to:

- Understand Ohio's mandated reporting laws
- Know what must be reported, when a report must be made and who must report
- Discuss the importance of reporting
- Identify the reporting process in Ohio

#### What is the mandated reporting law?

Ohio Revised Code 2151.421



## Policies and Reporting



## Making a Report

- Think about some of your experiences...
- Was there information that was asked of you that surprised you?
- When do you think you should contact the agency about suspected child abuse and neglect?
- Do you know your organization's policies for reporting suspected abuse or neglect?

# What specific Information should you Report?

Name/address/age of child

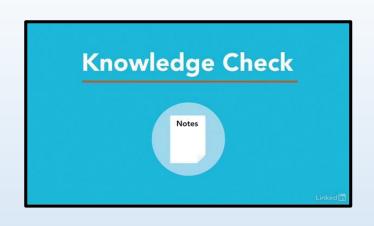
Names of caretaker, person you suspect as perpetrator, other family members in household

Language barriers, communication difficulties of the child/parent/caregiver

Concerns you are calling with today

Safety concerns (guns, weapons, dangerous animals)

## Which of the following is NOT a piece of information you should report?



- a) The name and address of the child
- b) The name of the person you suspect as the perpetrator
- c) The criminal record of the suspected perpetrator
- d) Communication difficulties of the child, parent and/or caregiver Safety concerns

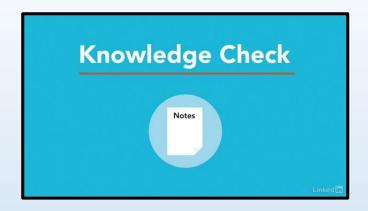
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## Defining and recognizing neglect



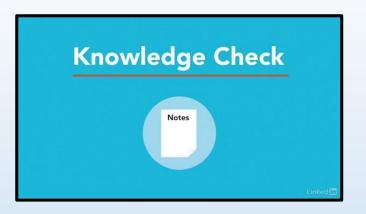
True or False: Lack of emotional affection or nurturing is considered a form of neglect.

Answer: True



True or False: A cluttered home is always a red flag for neglect.

Answer: False



## Defining and recognizing physical abuse



## What is Endangering Children?



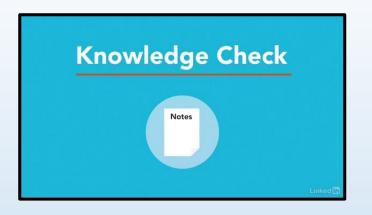
#### Dangerous Acts

- Dangerous Acts: Because of the acts of his parents, guardian, or custodian, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare.
- Can you think of Dangerous Acts?
- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence

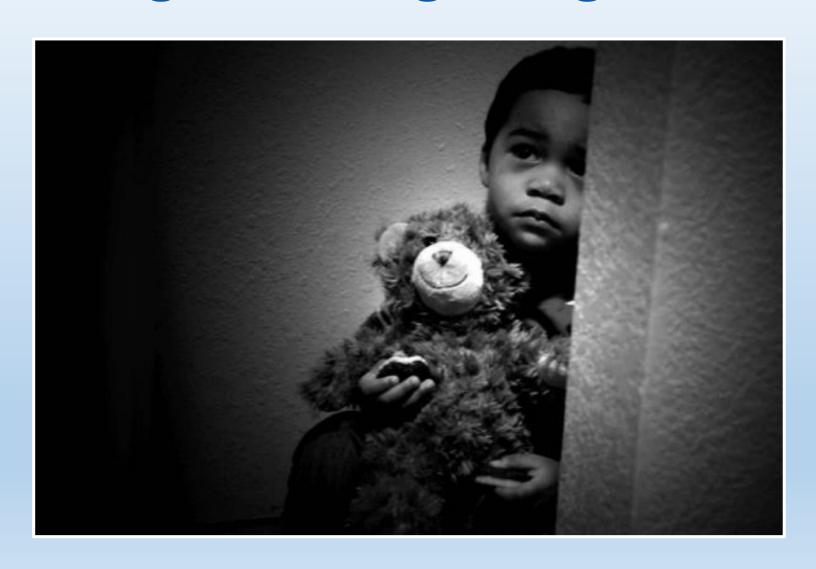
• Remember that it is about IMPACT on the child. The act itself may not be enough for it to meet the criteria for abuse.

True or False: An injury to a child can be considered abuse if it is inconsistent with the provided history of how the injury occurred.

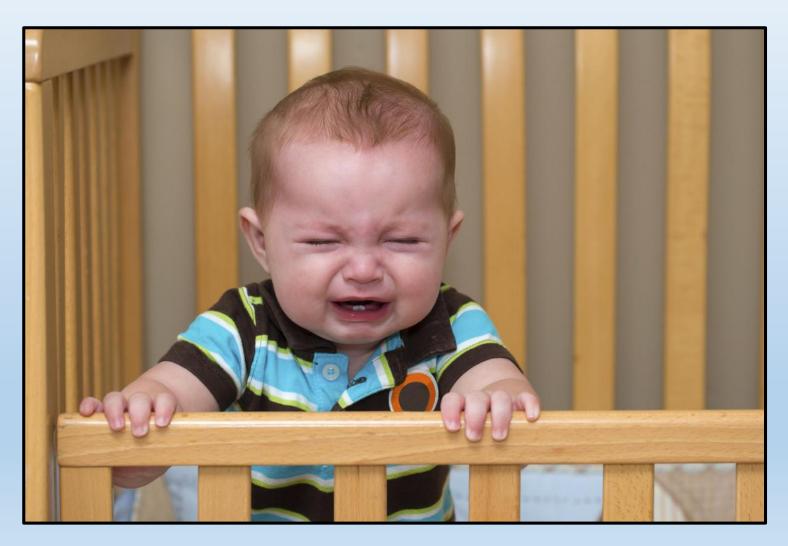
Answer: True



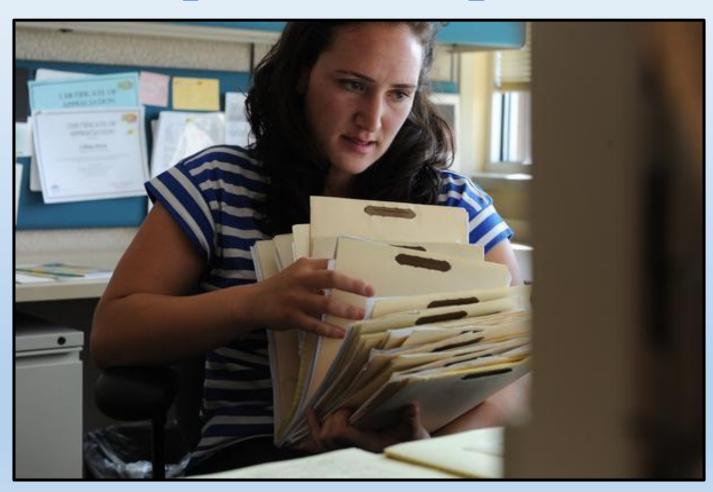
## Defining and recognizing sexual abuse



# Defining and recognizing emotional abuse



# Who does the law apply to/Who is required to report?



#### Other types of cases

- Dependency- Child who lacks adequate parental care by reason of the mental or physical condition of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian.
- Family In Need of Services or FINS- The PCSA shall provide services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect which have been requested by the parent, guardian, or custodian for the family if there are no current allegations of child abuse, neglect, or dependency.

## Who does the law apply to/Who is required to report?

\*\*Anyone who has reason to believe a child is being abused or neglected should make a report! We all have an obligation to report a child we suspect may be in danger. Ohio law encourages you to act on behalf of a child in need of protection and to report your suspicion to appropriate authorities.

Attorneys

Physicians

**PCSA Employees** 

Nurses

**School Employees** 

**Speech Therapists** 

Coroner

Child Care Staff

**Humane Society Officer** 

Educators

Psychologists

**Spiritual Advisors** 

Health Care Professional

Dentists

Therapist

**DD** Employees

## If you have an emergency

• Call 911

 If a child discloses thoughts of self harm or harm to others call 911 and/or County Crisis line.



#### How does this apply to:

- the Service Coordinator?
- the Developmental Specialist?
- Therapists?



#### What must be reported?

ANY SUSPICION of abuse or neglect MUST be reported by the mandated reporter to the county of residence

## How is abuse/neglect reported in Ohio?

The state of Ohio requires the person reporting child abuse/neglect to contact the county in which that child resides. This contact may be in the form of a phone call, fax, email or walk in.

If you encounter an emergency or immediate crisis please contact 911.

## Why is it reported?

We all have a duty in protecting Ohio's children.

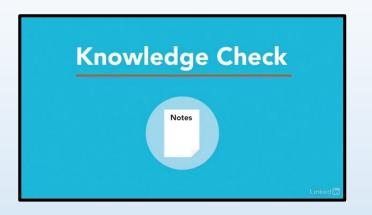
Studies have linked abuse and neglect to a wide range or criminal acts and social misbehaviors.

The early lessons of interpersonal skills may be thwarted as a result of a child being abused or neglected.



True or False: Anyone who suspects that a child is in danger should make a report.

Answer: True



## Abuse and Neglect by the Numbers-Child Protection Reports

Statewide			
Report Period	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Nov 2018 (Partial)	
All Reports	187596	183446	
Screened In	85928	81846	
Not Screened In	101646	101527	
Pending	22	73	
Unknown	0	0	

## Allegations by Maltreatment Type

Statewide			
Report Period	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Nov 2018 (Partial)	
Total Allegations	161634	156213	
Physical Abuse	66280	63692	
Neglect	70929	67800	
Medical Neglect	3816	3640	
Sexual Abuse	12459	11956	
Emotional Maltreatment	8029	9049	
Other	121	76	
Unknown	0	0	

## Findings by Type/age o-2 \*multiple allegations may be contained in one report

Statewide				
Report Period	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Nov 2018 (Partial)		
Total Allegations	35368	33778		
Substantiated				
Unsub/Pending				
Alternative				
Response				
Physical Abuse	16506	16115		
Substantiated	4073	3238		
Unsub/Pending	5491	5698		
Alternative	6942	7179		
Response				
Neglect	16305	15000		
Substantiated	2934	2298		
Unsub/Pending	4808	5081		
Alternative	8563	7621		
Response				
Medical Neglect	1060	973		
Substantiated	175	104		
Unsub/Pending	308	345		
Alternative	577	524		
Response				
Sexual Abuse	412	341		
Substantiated	63	38		
Unsub/Pending	349	303		
Alternative	0	0		
Response				
Emotional Maltreatment	1085	1349		
Substantiated	142	225		
Unsub/Pending	312	555		
Alternative	631	569		
Response				
Other	0	0		
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Unknown	0	0		

## Follow-up/PCSA Next Steps

PCSA sends letter advising if case screened in or screened out Assigned caseworker likely contacts reporter for collateral information

Referral source receives dispositional letter

#### Fill in the blank:

It is the responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to determine if suspicions of abuse or neglect are substantiated.

Knowledge Check

Notes

Answer: PCSA

# Comprehensive Addiction Recovery (CARA) Act

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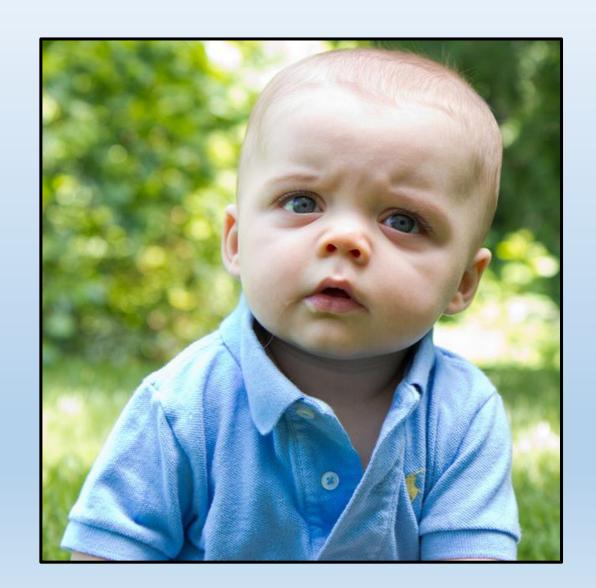


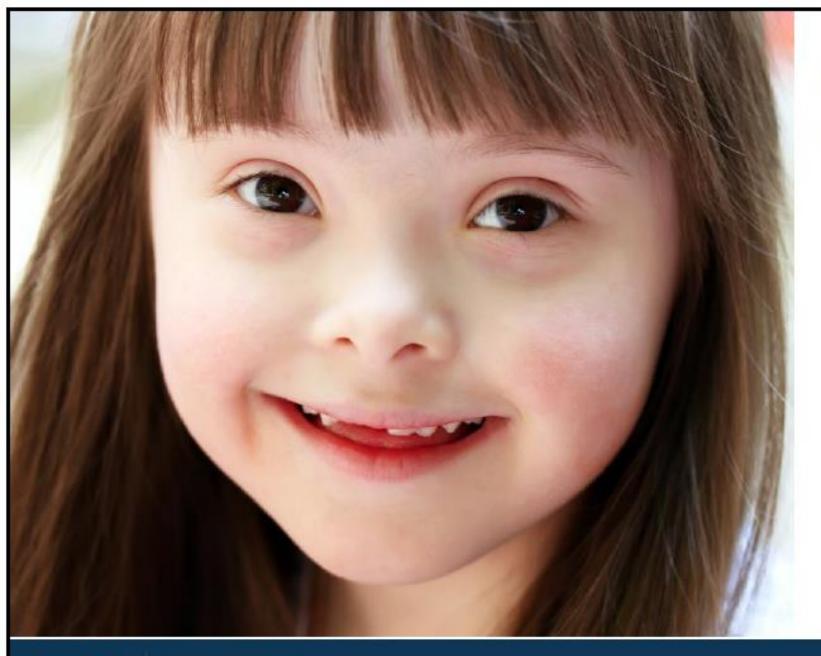


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#### Questions

Type your questions in the QUESTION OR CHAT BOX





#### Reporting Responsibilities

- Submit Written Incident Report by 3:00 p.m. the Next Working Day
- Notify Law Enforcement of Criminal Act
- Notify Children's Services for abuse and neglect under the age of 21

Abuse and Neglect contacts

Hotline (866)313-6733

DODD MUI Office 614-995-3810

County Board Emergency Contacts

http://dodd.ohio.gov/reportabuse /Pages/default.aspx

www.dodd.ohio.gov



## Thank you!