

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
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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

Answer: c

Knowledge Check

Notes

Defining and recognizing neglect



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

Answer: True

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

Answer: False

Knowledge Check

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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

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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 of 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

Knowledge Check



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 0-2 *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 Response	6942	7179
Neglect	16305	15000
Substantiated	2934	2298
Unsub/Pending	4808	5081
Alternative Response	8563	7621
Medical Neglect	1060	973
Substantiated	175	104
Unsub/Pending	308	345
Alternative Response	577	524
Sexual Abuse	412	341
Substantiated	63	38
Unsub/Pending	349	303
Alternative Response	0	0
Emotional Maltreatment	1085	1349
Substantiated	142	225
Unsub/Pending	312	555
Alternative Response	631	569
Other	0	0
Substantiated	0	0
Unsub/Pending	0	0
Alternative Response	0	0
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.

Answer: PCSA

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Notes

Comprehensive Addiction Recovery (CARA) Act

Make CARA Count!
Comprehensive Addiction & Recovery Act

Recovery Community Organizations
Funds RCOs to provide recovery services, conduct public education and outreach, and strengthen the network of community support. Establishes a resource center to provide technical assistance to RCOs.

National Youth Initiative
Builds communities of support for young people in recovery in high schools and higher education

Revise FAFSA
Directs the Department of Education to remove the question about "prior drug convictions" from student-loan and Pell grant applications.

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Educates on the use of naloxone and makes it more available to those responding to opioid or heroin overdoses.

Women, Families, Veterans & More
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National Task Force on Recovery and Collateral Consequences
Recommends strategies to reduce, and eliminate the collateral consequences for individuals in recovery who have State or Federal drug convictions.

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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](http://dodd.ohio.gov/reportabuse/Pages/default.aspx)

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Thank you!