

PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT ABUSE

Pursuant to the “Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act”, Chapter 325, Act 5, Section 4 requires the following individuals to report abuse:

Mandated Reporters are professionals who may work with children in the course of their professional duties. There are seven groups of mandated reporters as defined in the ANCRA, sec. 4:

Medical Personnel: for example, physician, dentist, LPN, RN, medical social worker, emergency medical technician, nurse practitioner, chiropractor, hospital administrator

School Personnel: for example, teacher, principal, school counselor, school nurse, school social worker, assistant principal, truant officer, school psychologist

Social Services/Mental Health Personnel: for example, mental health personnel, social workers, psychologists, domestic violence personnel, substance abuse treatment personnel, staff of state agencies dealing with children such as Department of Human Services, Department of Public Aid, Department of Public Health, Department of Corrections and Department of Children and Family Services.

Law Enforcement Personnel: for example employees of the court, parole/probation officer, emergency services staff, police, states attorney and staff, juvenile officer

Coroner/Medical Examiner Personnel

Child Care Personnel: includes all staff at overnight, day care, pre-school or nursery school facilities, recreational program personnel, foster parents

Member of the Clergy: includes any member of the clergy that has reasonable cause to believe that a child known to him or her in a professional capacity may be an abused child.

All those who because of their employment at ECRC are considered mandated reporters, will sign a form acknowledging that they have mandated reporter status. This DCFS form will be filed at ECRC.

It should be noted that the protection of children is the responsibility of the entire community and that the law provides that anyone may make a report to the Hotline at (800)-25ABUSE

