

## **MANDATED REPORTERS**

Persons mandated to report alleged child abuse and neglect pursuant to O.R.C. 2151.421 Division (A)(1) and O.A.C. 5101:2-3404 include any:

- Attorney;
- Physician (including a hospital intern or resident);
- Dentist;
- Podiatrist;
- Practitioner of a limited branch of medicine or surgery;
- Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical nurse and Visiting Nurse;
- Other Health Care Professional;
- Licensed Psychologist, Licensed School Psychologist;
- Speech Pathologist or Audiologist;
- Coroner;
- Administrator or employee of a child day-care center;
- Administrator or employee of a certified child-care agency or other public or private children services agency;
- School teacher, School employee or school authority;
- Social Worker;
- Person rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well recognized religion acting in his official or professional capacity.

Pursuant to section 5151.28 of the O.R.C., boards of township trustees; the superintendent of any county home, and other officers and employees of any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivisions of the state shall make a report to the Public Children Services Agency respecting any child in the county coming to their attention, deemed to be in need of public care.

Also, mandated reporters are required to report their suspicions of abuse or neglect directly and not through a third party.

## **RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO MANDATED REPORTERS**

The information that the reporter can receive upon request per O.R.C. 2151.421 Division (K)(1) is:

- (a) Whether the department or board has initiated an investigation of the report;
- (b) Whether the department or board is continuing to investigate the report;
- (c) Whether the department or board is otherwise involved with the child who is the subject of the report;
- (d) The general status of the health and safety of the child who is the subject of the report; and
- (e) Whether the report has resulted in the filing of a complaint in juvenile court or of criminal charges in another court.

To receive this information, a mandated reporter must:

- (1) Be reporting in their official capacity;
- (2) Give their name, title, address and phone number at the time of the report; and
- (3) Follow up with a written request for specific information on their agency/school/organization letterhead.