

## REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

All employees of the District who know or suspect that a child under 18 years of age or a disabled child under 21 years of age has suffered or is suffering any type of abuse or neglect are required to report such information to the Public Children Services Agency or the local law enforcement agency. Procedures for reporting to ensure prompt reports are made known to the school staff.

To ensure prompt reports, procedures for reporting are made known to the school staff. A person who participates in making such reports is immune from any civil or criminal liability, provided the report is made in good faith.

The Board shall develop a program of in-service training in child abuse prevention for all pre-school staff, elementary school nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists and administrators. The Board shall develop this program in consultation with public or private agencies or persons involved in child abuse prevention or intervention programs.

Each person employed by the Board to work as an elementary school nurse, teacher, counselor, school psychologist or administrator shall complete at least four hours of in-service training in child abuse prevention within three years of commencing employment with the District.

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