

Children's Protective Services Requirements

Under Child Protection Law (1975 PA 238):

- All Childcare providers, including all employees and volunteers at McKinley Cooperative Preschool are considered mandated reporters.
- If you have reasonable concern to suspect child abuse or neglect
 - **IT MUST BE REPORTED**
 - **Immediate Oral Report calling (855) 444-3911**
 - **Written report within 72 hours after oral report using the Form DHS-3200.**

McKinley Cooperative Preschool

Child Abuse/Neglect Definitions and Reporting Requirements.

Child Abuse is harm to, or neglect of, child by another person, whether adult or child. Child abuse happens in all cultural, ethnic, and income groups. Child abuse can be physical, emotional/verbal, sexual or through neglect. Abuse may cause serious injury to the child and may even result in death. Signs of possible abuse include.

PHYSICAL ABUSE:

Unexplained or repeated injuries such as welts, bruises, or burns.

Injuries that are in the shape of an object (belt, buckle, electric cord, etc.)

Unreasonable explanation of the injury.

Obvious neglect of the child (dirty, undernourished, inappropriate clothes for the weather, lack of medical or dental care.

Fearful behavior

EMOTIONAL/VERBAL ABUSE:

Aggressive or withdrawn behavior

Shying away from physical contact with parents or adults

Afraid to go home

SEXUAL ABUSE:

Child tells you he or she was sexually mistreated.

Child has physical signs of abuse such as difficulty sitting or walking.

Child has behavioral and emotional signs such as:

Acting like a much younger child

Excessive crying or sadness

Withdrawing from activities and others

Talking about or acting sexual acts beyond normal sex play for age

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

If you suspect child abuse of any kind, you should contact the Program Director immediately, The director will contact the Local Authorities.

I, _____ have received an overview of the Child Abuse and Neglect definitions as well as the reporting requirements. I am aware that it is my responsibility to report any suspicions and/or alleged abuse and neglect to the Program Director.

I am aware that it is not my job to determine if the alleged abuse and/or neglect actually occurred, that is the responsibility of the Local Authorities.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

