Violence
Abuse, Rape and Domestic
Arkansas Commission on Child

Child Maltreatment
Connecting victims to services

- Methods for mandating reporters
- Duties of mandated reporters

Act

- Requirements of the Child Maltreatment
- Recognizing signs of maltreatment

Requires schools to provide training to licensed personnel including:

Act 1236 of 2011
Recognizing Signs of Physical Abuse

- PHYSICAL:
  - Bruises or welts in unusual places or in patterns
  - Bruises in various stages of healing
  - Explanation of injury differs from parent explanation

- BEHAVIORAL:
  - Becomes frightened when other children cry
  - Says the parents deserve to be hurt
  - Is afraid of certain people
Recognizing Indicators of Neglect

Behavioral:
- Overtired or Llistless absences
- Explanined Frequent' Leaves Late
- Early 8 Arrives early & begs or steals food

Physical:
- Dental care
- Denied medical or dressed
- Inappropriately
- Not clean
- Always hungry
- Underweight

Revised:
Recognizing Signs of Sexual Abuse

- Pain during urination
- Genital discharge from injury to or underwear
- Stained or bloody underwear
- Sitting or walking torn

Behavioral:
- Younger than age
- Acts withdrawn or
- Talks to him or herself
- Cannot tell
- Has secrets that she tells you that she
- Displays sexual

Physical:
- Difficulty walking or
May only be reported by fax if it is non-emergency.

Must use Arkansas State Police official "Mandated Reporter's Form".

By Fax: 1.501.618.8952
By Phone: 1.800.482.5964

Information to locate the family.

Where the child attends school is enough

Enough Information to locate the family

Definition of child abuse.

An allegation that it true would meet a legal

When making a report you must have:

Malreatment Act

Requirements of the Child
Malpractice Act

Requirements of the Child

Volunteer directly reports child
person before any employee or
require notification or any
permit shall prohibit, require
No school, Head Start Program, or day

Malpractice to the Hotline.
Child maltreatment investigations.
School campus to interview students for
Investigators have the right to enter

Maltreatment Act

Requirements of the Child
offender.

A guardian is listed as an alleged offender.

An investigation of the parent or

student is interviewed at school as part

of an investigation if the parent or

student is notifying parents if a

school.

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Requirements of the Child
Each school has many individuals who report suspected abuse. Each school is mandated by law to report directly to the Hotline. If professionals of those legally required to report suspect abuse, they must report to the Child Maltreatment Act. The Child Maltreatment Act lists the requirements of the Child Maltreatment Act.
Mandated Reporters in Schools

- Officers
- School Resource Officers
- School Officials
- Teachers
- Nurses
- Counselors
Legal requirement: Professional DOES NOT meet your responsibilities.

Telling the counselor, principal, or other abused.

cause to suspect that a child has been suspected child maltreatment.

report suspected child maltreatment to

Mandated Reporters shall immediately

Duties of Mandated Reporters
monetary judgments, including & loss of professional licensure, and

including jail time and fines.

Mandated Reporters who fail to report,

The Act establishes criminal penalties for

good faith from criminal and civil liabilities.

Protects Mandated Reporters who report in

Child Maltreatment Act
the child
adult who has the chance to understand
Remember that you may be the only
Meet with the child separately
Allow the child to be heard
Develop trust

Managing Disclosures
DO know the reporting law.

Language.

DO pay attention to your body

are in a real situation.

DO consider your response before you

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- Emergency:
  Submit the fax form if it is not an emergency.

- DO call the Child Abuse Hotline or:
  DO document the actual words.

- Minimal (about a difficult subject) to share something (no matter how brave) DO let the child know that it was brave.
he/she is saying.

DON'T try to talk a child out of what others.

DON'T share this information with DON'T act shocked, horrified, scared,

etc.

DON'T act shocked, horrified, scared,

yourself.

DON'T try to conduct the investigation.

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don't stand over the child while he/she talks to you.

from the parent:
don't attempt to find out the details.

may have been abused.
don't suggest to a child the he/she