

Child Advocacy Studies Program

Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporting Departmental Policy

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I. Purpose:

To ensure disclosures of abuse, neglect, or dependency by minors are handled promptly, legally, and compassionately, fulfilling both North Carolina law and Zero Abuse Project expectations.

II. Definitions:

- a. Juvenile: Anyone under 18.
- b. Abuse, neglect, dependency, maltreatment: per NC G.S. 7B-101 and relevant statutes.
- c. Mandated Reporter: In NC, every adult (or institution) with cause to suspect is required to report.
- d. Trauma-Informed Response: a response style that prioritizes emotional safety, respects privacy, and avoids re-traumatization.

III. Who Must Report

Anyone, including faculty, staff, and volunteers who receive a disclosure or has cause to suspect the abuse, neglect, or maltreatment of a person under 18 must report it to their local NCDHHS agency.

IV. When to Report

Immediately upon suspicion or disclosure of abuse, neglect, dependency, or death due to maltreatment. Disclosures of violent, sexual offenses or misdemeanor child abuse should be reported immediately to local law enforcement.

V. How to Report

- a. Report to county DSS by phone, orally, or in writing.
Stanly County DSS (Monday-Friday 704-982-6100, afterhours, weekends, and holidays 704-986-3700)
- b. Required report details (per NC law):
 1. Child's name, address, age
 2. Parent/caretaker's name and address
 3. Other children's names and ages
 4. Child's current location

- 5. Nature and extent of injury/maltreatment
- c. Notification should be made to the SCC CARE Team upon reporting
https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?StanlyCC&layout_id=3

VI. Reporter Protections & Confidentiality

- a. Per NC state law, reports made in good-faith are immune from civil or criminal law.
- b. Reporter identity is confidential, released only as legally permitted.
- c. Failing to report knowingly or willfully is a Class 1 misdemeanor (per NC law).