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# Sexual Abuse

## Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy

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The Sexual Abuse and Prevention Policy

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*"It's easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults." ~Frederick Douglas*

## **Introduction**

Boatwright Family Day Care Center prohibits and does not tolerate sexual abuse in the workplace or any related activity. Boatwright Family Day Care Center provides procedures to all employees, parents, volunteers, and board members or any other parties of sexual abuse or misconduct to report such acts. No authority or employee regardless of his or her position has the authority to commit sexual abuse.

## **Sexual Abuse**

### **Definition**

As stated in Florida Statue 39.01 (63), Florida Statues sexual abuse of a child means one or more of the following acts:

- a) Any act of a sexual nature performed in a criminal manner, as with a child or with a nonconsenting adult, including rape, incest, oral copulation, and penetration of genital or anal opening.
- b) Sexual abuse is any sexual activity that occurs without a child's consent. That means unwanted touching in the genitals of intimate parts, including the breasts, genital area, groin, inner thighs, and buttocks.
- c) The intentional masturbation of the perpetrator's genitals in the presence of a child.
- d) Any sexual contact involving slight, of the vagina or anal opening of a child's mouth or tongue of another person.
- e) Encouraging a child in prostitution or engage in obscene sexual conduct forcing a child to:
  - 1) Model alone in a film involving obscene sexual conduct.
  - 2) Engage in sexual performance, willfully tortures, or unlawfully cages a child, as defined by chapter 827.

Florida Statute 39, Proceedings relating to children, provides protection of children in an environment that fosters healthy, social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development. Florida Statute 827, Abuse of Children, provides criminal law.

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## Indicators

- Odor coming from genital area
- Bloody or stained underclothes
- Venereal disease
- Poor hygiene

## Behavioral Indicators of sexual abuse

- States directly or indirectly he or she has been sexually abused
- Write about sexual abuse on classroom products
- Poor attendance and drop in school performance
- Forcing others to play in a sexual way

**The Law-**Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment or neglect.

### Section 39.201(1)(a), Florida Statutes

Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, must report such knowledge to the Florida Abuse Hotline at:

- Telephone: 1-800-962-2873
- TTY: 711 or 1-800-955-8771
- Fax 1-800-914-0004

### Section 39.201 (1)(b)

The Florida sexual abuse hotline accepts reports 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. It is imperative reporters in the following occupations below are required to provide their names to the hotline staff:

1. Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractic physician, nurse, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;
2. Health or mental professional other than one listed in subparagraph 1.;
3. Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing;

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4. School teacher or other school official or personnel;
5. Social worker, day care center worker, or other professional child care, foster care, residential or institutional worker;
6. Law enforcement officer; or
7. Judge.

The names of reporters shall be entered into the record of the report, but shall be held confidential.

**Section 39.201 (2)(b), Florida Statute**

If the report is of an instance of known or suspected child abuse by a parent or someone other than legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, the call shall be immediately electronically transferred to the appropriate county sheriff's office by the central abuse hotline.

**Rule 6B-1.006, Florida Administrative Code**

Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida-

Boatwright Family Day Care Center and school staffs have a moral obligation to nurture the well being of our student's. Violation of any of these principles shall subject the individual to revocation or suspension. Obligation to the students requires that the individual make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning and/or to the student's mental and/or physical health and/or safety.

Acknowledgement of receipt of Sexual Abuse Policy

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have received and read the Sexual Abuse Policy immediately preceding my signature below. I understand the consequences if I fail to follow the Sexual Abuse Policy.

Signature of employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## We are an equal opportunity employer

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