COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHLD SEXUAL ABUSE

ARIZONA

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Arizona Dept. of Children Protective Services at <u>888-767-2445</u> or any Law Enforcement Agency at <u>911</u>. You are not required to provide proof. Anyone who makes a good faith report based on reasonable grounds is immune from prosecution. If the abuse occurred within the past 72 hours, a medical evaluation by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner is available by going to the Emergency Department at Your County Medical Center or by going to the nearest child advocacy center.

HELPLINES

AZ Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1-888-622-1650

United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 888-421-1266 211(after hours)

Darkness to Light Helpline Call 1-866- FOR-LIGHT or Text LIGHT to 741741

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline call or text 1-800-4-A-CHILD

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Legal Help

AZ State Bar 866-482-9227

Victim Advocacy

Northland Family Help Center 928-774-4503

H.A.V.E.N. Family Resource Center 928-505-3153

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

AZ Department of Mental Health 602-542-1025

Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

Against Abuse 520-836-1239 A New Leaf 480-696-4024

WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA

www.D2L.org 1-843-965-5444

www.trauma-pages.com

<u>www.stopitnow.com</u> 1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

Feel free to call the center with any questions about where to find resources related to child sexual abuse. Contact the nearest CAC to set up an interview if abuse is reported:

Safe Child Center at Flagstaff Medical Center 1200 N. Beaver Street Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Find the CAC in your county:
http://acfan.net/arizona-

map.htm



MANDATED REPORTING

ARIZONA STATE REPORTING LAWS

https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/manda.pdf

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Rev. Stat. § 13-3620

- Physicians, physician's assistants, optometrists, dentists, behavioral health professionals, nurses, psychologists, counselors, or social workers
- Peace officers, child welfare investigators, or child protective services workers
- Parents, stepparents, or guardians
- Members of the clergy, priests, or Christian Science practitioners
- School personnel, domestic violence victim advocates, or sexual assault victim advocates
- Any other person called upon to render aid or medical assistance to a child

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Rev. Stat. § 13-3620

Any other person who reasonably believes that a minor is a victim of abuse or neglect may report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Rev. Stat. § 13-3620

A report is required when a person reasonably believes that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse, a reportable offense, or neglect that appears to have been inflicted on the minor by other than accidental means or that is not explained by the available medical history as being accidental in nature.

A 'reportable offense' means any of the following:

- Any offense listed in chapters 14 and 35.1 of this title or § 13-3506.01
- \bullet Surreptitious photographing, videotaping, filming, or digitally recording or viewing a minor pursuant to \S 13-3019
- Child sex trafficking pursuant to § 13-3212
- Incest pursuant to § 13-3608
- Unlawful mutilation pursuant to § 13-1214

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Rev. Stat. § 13-3620

Only clergy-penitent and attorney-client privileges are recognized.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

Rev. Stat, § 8-455

A report made to the child abuse hotline that is maintained by the Department of Child Safety must include the name and address or contact information for the person making the report.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

Rev. Stat. §8-807

Before it releases records pertaining to child maltreatment investigations, the department shall take whatever precautions it determines are reasonably necessary to protect the identity and safety of a person who reports child abuse or neglect.

HOW TO REPORT IN ARIZONA

A report can be made to the DCS Statewide Toll-Free Child Abuse Hotline at 1-888-767-2445 or a law enforcement office.

For info on Darkness to Light's mandated reporter training visit: https://www.d2l.org/education/additional-training/child-abuse-neglect/

