## REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

DCF-136
05/2015 (Rev.)

Within forty-eight hours of making an oral report, a mandated reporter shall submit this form (DCF-136) to the relevant Area Office listed below. See the reverse side of this form for a summary of Connecticut law concerning the protection of children.

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### Child’s Address

Name Of Parents Or Other Person Responsible For Child’s Care

Name Of Careline Worker To Whom Oral Report Was Made

Nature And Extent Of Injury(ies), Maltreatment Or Neglect

Describe The Circumstances Under Which The Injury(ies), Maltreatment Or Neglect Came To Be Known

Describe the Reasons Such Persons(s) Are Suspected of Causing Such Injuries, Maltreatment of Neglect

Information Concerning Any Previous Injury(ies), Maltreatment Or Neglect Of The Child Or His/Her Siblings

Information Concerning Any Prior Cases(s) In Which The Person(s) Have Been Suspected Of Causing An Injury(ies), Maltreatment Or Neglect Of A Child

List Names And Ages Of Siblings, If Known

What Action, If Any, Has Been Taken To Treat, Provide Shelter Or Otherwise Assist The Child?

### REPORTER SECTION

**Reporter’s Name:**

**Agency Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Agency Address:**

**City:**

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**Area Office List**

- **Bridgeport**
  - 100 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
  - 203-384-5300
  - Fax: 203-384-5306

- **Danbury**
  - 131 West Street, Danbury, CT 06810
  - 203-307-5100
  - TDD: 203-748-3255
  - Fax: 203-307-5169

- **Hartford**
  - 250 Hamilton Street, Hartford, CT 06106
  - 860-418-8000
  - TDD: 800-315-4882
  - Fax: 860-418-8325

- **Manchester**
  - 364 West Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040
  - 860-533-3600
  - TDD: 800-315-4415
  - Fax: 860-533-3734

- **New Britain**
  - One Grove Street, 4th Floor, New Britain, CT 06053
  - 860-932-5200
  - TDD: 860-932-5370
  - Fax: 860-932-5491

- **New Haven**
  - One Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, CT 06511
  - 203-786-0500
  - TDD: 203-786-2599
  - Fax: 203-786-0550

- **Norwich**
  - Two Courthouse Square, Norwich, CT 06360
  - 860-865-2438
  - TDD: 860-887-3683
  - Fax: 860-887-3683

**Special Investigations Unit**

- 505 Hudson Street, 7th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106
  - 860-550-6696
  - Fax: 860-723-7237
SUMMARY OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

PUBLIC POLICY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT (C.G.S. §17a-101)
To protect children whose health and welfare may be adversely affected through injury and neglect; to strengthen the family and to make the home safe for children by enhancing the parental capacity for good child care; to provide a temporary or permanent nurturing and safe environment for children when necessary; and for these purposes to require the reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect, investigation of such reports by a social agency, and provision of services, where needed, to such child and family.

WHO IS MANDATED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT?

Child Advocate and OCA Employees
Chiropractors
Coaches and Directors of a Private Youth Sports, Organization or Team
Coaches and Athletic Directors of Youth Athletics
Dental Hygienists
Dentists
Department of Children and Families Employees
Domestic Violence Counselors
Office of Early Childhood Employees and Department of Public Health Employees who are Responsible for Licensing Day Care and Camps
Family Relations Counselors
Family Rel. Counselor Trainees
Family Services Supervisors
Licensed Foster Parents
Licensed Mental and Family Therapists
Licensed or Unlicensed Interns at Any Hospital
Licensed or Unlicensed Resident Physicians
Licensed Physicians
Licensed Practical Nurses
Licensed Professional Counselors
Licensed Surgeons
Licensed/Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors
Licensed/Certified Emergency Medical Services Providers
Medical Examiners
Members of the Clergy

Mental Health Professionals
Optometrists
Persons Paid to Care for Children
Persons who Provide Services to and have Regular Contact with Students
Pharmacists
Physical Therapists
Physician Assistants
Probation Officers (Juvenile or Adult)
Psychologists
Public or Private Institution of Higher Education Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Athletic Directors, Athletic Trainers
Registered Nurses
School Administrators
School Coaches
School Guidance Counselors
School Paraprofessionals
School Superintendents
Social Workers
Substitute Teachers

WHAT ARE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS?

A person shall be disclosed to the appropriate law enforcement agency and to the alleged perpetrator of the abuse.

WHAT IS THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (DCF)?

All child protective services in Connecticut are the responsibility of the Department of Children and Families.

WHAT MEANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REMOVING A CHILD FROM HIS OR HER HOME?

96-Hour hold by the Commissioner of DCF or designee (see above).

96-Hour hold by a physician – Any physician examining a child with respect to whom abuse or neglect is suspected shall have the right to keep such child in the custody of a hospital for no longer than 96 hours in order to perform diagnostic tests and procedures necessary to the detection of child abuse or neglect and to provide necessary medical care with or without the consent of such child’s parents or guardian or other person responsible for the child’s care, provided the physician has made reasonable attempts to (1) advise such child’s parents or guardian or other person responsible for the child’s care that the physician suspects the child has been abused or neglected, and (2) obtain consent of such child’s parents or guardian or other person responsible for the child’s care. In addition, such physician may take or cause to be taken photographs of the area of trauma visible on a child who is the subject of such report without the consent of such child’s parent’s or guardian or other person responsible for the child’s care. All such photographs or copies thereof shall be sent to the local police department and the Department of Children and Families.

WHAT IS THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF PERPETRATORS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT?

The Department of Children and Families maintains a registry of persons who have been substantiated as responsible for child abuse or neglect and pose a risk to the health safety or well-being of children. The Central Registry is available on a 24-hour daily basis to prevent or discover child abuse of children.

DEFINITIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Abused Child: Any child who has a non-accidental physical injury, or injuries which are at variance with the history given of such injuries, or is in a condition which is the result of maltreatment such as, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment.

Neglected Child: Any child who has been abandoned or is being denied proper care and attention, physically, educationally, emotionally, or morally or is being permitted to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious to his or her well-being.

Exception: The treatment of any child by an accredited Christian Science practitioner shall not by itself constitute neglect or maltreatment.

CHILD UNDER AGE 13 WITH VENEREAL DISEASE: A physician or facility must report to Careline upon the consultation, examination or treatment for venereal disease of any child who has not reached his or her 13th birthday.

DO PRIVATE CITIZENS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING?

Yes. Any person having reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any child under the age of 18 is in danger of being abused or has been abused or neglected may cause a written or oral report to be made to the Careline or a law enforcement agency. Anyone making the report in good faith is immune from any liability, civil or criminal. However, the person is subject to the penalty for making a false claim.