



Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect in Alaska

To report suspected child abuse or neglect call 1-800-478-4444
or contact your local DFYS office:

What DFYS Wants to Know When You File A Report

When you call to report a suspected case of child abuse or neglect, the DFYS worker will want to know this information, if available:

- Name, age, date of birth, gender, race and current address of the child;
 - Present location of the child;
 - Names, addresses and phone numbers of parents and siblings;
 - Names, addresses and phone numbers of other significant relatives;
 - If the child is native, their tribal affiliation;
 - Nature and extent of the problem;
 - Incident or situation precipitating the report;
 - Present condition of the child;
 - Names, addresses and phone number of person(s) responsible for the abuse;
 - Any action taken by reporter (or others);
 - The name, address and phone number of the person making this report.
- Anonymous** reports are also acceptable;
- Whether the reporter witnessed the abuse or neglect, the dates of occurrence and the names, addresses and phone numbers of others who have knowledge of the incident or situation;
 - Whether this child or other children in the home's immediate safety is in question;
 - Whether the reporter has informed the family of plans to file this report;
 - Whether the reporter is willing to have their name released; **you can remain anonymous!**

Mandated Reporters

Alaska law (AS 47.17.020) defines those required to report to DFYS suspected child abuse and neglect as:

- Practitioners of the healing arts
- School teachers, administrators and staff members of both public and private schools
- Social workers
- Peace officers and officers of the Department of Corrections
- Administrative officers of institutions
- Child care providers
- Paid employees of domestic violence and sexual assault programs, crisis intervention and suicide prevention programs
- Paid employees of organizations providing alcohol treatment
- Child fatality review teams
- Multi-disciplinary team members

Any person with reasonable cause to suspect a child is at risk of harm can file a report to DFYS.

We all have a responsibility for the welfare of children in our community.



Community Resource Kit

Alaska Children's Trust 1-800-643-KIDS

Alaska Child Abuse Prevention Network. akchildabuseprevention.org