## **Mandated Reporting**



State law requires persons in designated professional occupations to **report suspected child abuse or neglect** (occurring in the past three years) to police or child protection.

## What is child abuse and neglect?

**Physical Abuse** is the use of physical force that results in physical injury (e.g. hitting, kicking, burning, etc.).

**Emotional Abuse** refers to behaviors that harm a child's self-worth or emotional wellbeing (e.g. withholding love, shaming, etc.).

**Sexual Abuse** involves pressuring or forcing a child to engage in sexual acts, including behaviors such as fondling, penetration, and exposing a child to other sexual activities.

**Neglect** is the failure to meet a child's basic emotional and physical needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, and access to medical or mental health care.



Five children die every day from child abuse

www.americanspcc.org



Call 911 if you suspect immediate danger



**Every 9 minutes** CPS substantiates a claim of child

sexual abuse

**93 Percent** of perpetrators are known to the survivor



www.rainn.org

www.cdc.gov

Report abuse and neglect to Child Protective Services (CPS)

Call to report verbally within 24 hours Send written report within 72 hours

## Ramsey County Child Protective Services 160 East Kellogg Blvd, Suite 6000 Saint Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-266-4500 Email: CHS-CPIntake@ramseycounty.us



## MANDATED REPORTING WORKSHEET

What makes you a mandated reporter? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you summarize the definition of child abuse?

If you know of or suspect child abuse and/or neglect, what two things are you required by law to do?

What is the phone number and email address of your county's Child Protective Services?

After discussing with your supervisors, what is the plan you will follow if you plan to report child abuse and neglect? (Be specific, include who you would involve, any additional reporting that is required, etc.)