CHILD CARE REPORTING NOTIFICATIONS

Mandated Reporting in Child Care Programs (MN Statute 245A.145, Subd.1)

If you work with children in a licensed child care program, you are legally required or mandated to report physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children in care and cannot shift the responsibility of reporting to anyone else. When a licensed child care provider or anyone assisting in the program has **reason to believe or suspects** that maltreatment has occurred, a report must be made within 24 hours* to the following:

1. *911 if child is in immediate danger
2. Dakota County Child Protection Intake at (952)891-7459; or,
3. Local Law Enforcement (your city police or sheriff) at (651) 675-5700.

Pursuant to MN Statutes, section 626.556, subd.6, a mandated reporter who knows or has reason to believe a child is or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused and fails to report can be charged with a misdemeanor.

Parental Reporting of Maltreatment or Rule Violations in Child Care Programs

If you suspect that a child has been abused or neglected in a licensed child care facility, you should report this to Dakota County Child Protection Intake at (952)891-7459.

If you suspect that a child care licensing rule has been violated, you should report this to Dakota County Child Care Licensing at (952)891-7400.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date Provider Signature Date

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THIS REPORTING POLICY MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT IN THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM AND MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.