



Recognizing and Responding to Child Abuse

A seminar for mandated reporters

GOAL:

There are no gray areas when it comes to reporting child abuse. If a mandated reporter has "reasonable cause to suspect" they must report. The ramifications of not reporting allow a perpetrator to continue offending and are devastating to the child. This workshop explains in detail what to look for and how to handle these problems in your environment.

Learning Objectives:

- Responsibilities of mandated reporters
- Offenses against children (Child Protective Services Law/Criminal Law)
- Four types of child abuse
- Signs and effects of child abuse
- Characteristics of offenders and what to watch for
- How to handle a disclosure
- Steps in making a child abuse report (CY47)

Benefits:

- Renewed commitment to protect children
- Increased awareness of potential victims
- Build support system among staff around these difficult issues
- Skills to talk to child victim appropriately and effectively
- Recognition of offender characteristics and behavior
- More comfort in making the tough decisions
- Understand when and how to make a report
- Confidence that you are legally protected

Topics Covered:

- Mandated reporters
- Offenses against children, including, criminal offenses, civil offenses, child protective service law
- Student abuse
- Child abuse, including, physical abuse, neglect, imminent risk, mental abuse and sexual abuse
- Signs and effects of child abuse
- Offender characteristics and inappropriate behaviors of adults around children
- How to handle a disclosure
- Reporting process

Family Support Line utilizes a variety of presentation modalities:

- Lecture
- PowerPoint presentation
- Informational handouts and resource materials
- Video examples

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