



Mandated Child Abuse Reporting

Partner Agencies shall ensure that all known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or to the appropriate Child Protective Services agency. This requirement includes:

- All employees, agents, consultants, and volunteers who perform services must receive training in child abuse reporting laws (Penal Code, Sections 11164 et seq.) within thirty (30) days of employment/volunteer activity.
- All other employees, agents, consultants, or volunteers who are not subject to the mandatory reporting laws for child abuse must report any observed or suspected incidents of child abuse to a mandated reporting party, within the program, who will ensure that the incident is reported to the appropriate agency.
- All employees, agents, consultants, or volunteers must sign a statement, upon the commencement of their employment, acknowledging their reporting requirements and their compliance with them. Partner agencies must retain this verification and provide it upon request from First 5 San Bernardino.

Penal code, Sections 11164 et sequence can be viewed and copied for training from the internet at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=pen&group=11001-12000&file=11164-11174.3>

First 5 San Bernardino has developed a short sample form that may be used for employees, agents, consultants and volunteers to sign acknowledging receipt of the training and their reporting requirements and their agreement to comply.

(to be printed on partner agency letterhead)

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Responsibilities

I, _____ (Print name here) _____, have received training on Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting and I understand my responsibility to report all known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect. I agree to comply with this mandate.

Signature _____

Date _____

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