

Children who hurt...



...can't learn.

Report Suspected Child Abuse

**It's the Law.
It's Our Ethical Obligation
as Educators.**

Anyone who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected must report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline:

- Telephone: 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)
- TDD: 1-800-453-5145
- Fax: 1-800-914-0004
- Internet: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report>

Teachers and other school personnel must give their name to Hotline staff. Names of reporters are entered into the record of the report, but are kept confidential.

If the report involves abuse or neglect by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, the report will be handled by the Florida Department of Children and Families child protective investigators. If the report involves abuse by a person who is not a caregiver of the child, the report will be referred to local law enforcement.