

Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania

Overview of Mandated Reporter Training

This free three-hour online course provides information on the recognition of child maltreatment, and the procedures for making a report of child maltreatment. This course is approved for three continuing education credit hours and has been approved by the PA Department of Human Services and Department of State to meet mandated reporting (Act 31) requirements. Additionally, the course meets credit requirements for Act 126 (child abuse recognition and reporting).

The overall learning objectives for the participant are:

- ✓ Identify the infrastructure for protecting children from abuse in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Identify the expanded legal definition of Child Abuse according to Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law.
- ✓ Recognize potential indicators of child abuse.
- ✓ Determine when to report suspected child abuse.
- ✓ Describe the roles, rights, and responsibilities of mandated and permissive reporters of suspected child abuse.
- ✓ Recognize the process that follows after a report is made.
- ✓ Self-Identify as a mandated or permissive reporter.
- ✓ Follow the process for reporting suspected child abuse.

This training is free of charge and meets Act 31 training requirements as well as Act 126 requirements. All questions surrounding the Mandated Reporter training should be directed to an agency representative.

Training Instructions:

1. Go to www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu.
2. Click "Registration" and create an account.
3. Log in and select Mandated Reporter.
4. When finished print your Certificate.