

Information Memorandum Transmittal Director's Office



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Topic: Child abuse reporting and investigation

Subject: Abuse Reporting and Investigations for Young Adults (18-20 year olds)

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

In the 2017 legislative session, various bills passed to increase the protection of the vulnerable children and young adults (ages 18, 19 and 20) in DHS licensed or certified care, regardless of what setting they are placed in. This transmittal highlights the changes to where to report suspected abuse of these young adults, and who investigates those reports.

Where to Report:

Whether to report suspected abuse of young adults to Child Welfare or a Community Developmental Disabilities Program (CDDP) depends on where the young adult lives. Report suspected abuse to a Child Welfare screener by contacting

1.855.503.SAFE and select "child" abuse reporting when reporting suspected abuse of a young adult who lives in or receives services from a:

- Child Caring Agency (CCA)
- Child Welfare certified foster home
- Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) certified child foster home
- ODDS licensed children's group home

- Report suspected abuse of young adults by contacting the local Community Developmental Disabilities Program (CDDP) when reporting suspected abuse of a young adult determined eligible for intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD) services who lives at home, lives in a licensed adult foster home or lives in a licensed adult group home.

Who Investigates Suspected Abuse:

Whether Child Welfare (CPS), Office of Training, Information and Safety (OTIS), or the local CDDP investigates suspected abuse of a young adult depends on where the young adult lives.

- Child Welfare investigates reports for young adults who live in Child Welfare certified foster homes or ODDS certified child foster homes
- OTIS investigates reports for young adults who live in a CCA or ODDS licensed group home for children, and all residents of Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) homes.
- CDDP investigates reports for young adults who have been determined eligible for I/DD services and who live in their family home, in a licensed adult foster home, or in a licensed adult group home.

**Not sure who to contact when you suspect abuse?
Call 1.855.503.SAFE and a screener will assist you.**

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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