

# Working Together

## Keeping children safe

**CHILD ABUSE OR SUSPICION OF CHILD ABUSE? THAT MUST BE REPORTED!**

Child Abuse is the mistreatment of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caretaker, someone living in the home or someone who works with children. This mistreatment may cause injury or harm or put the child at risk of injury or harm. Child abuse can be physical (bruises, burns or broken bones), sexual (fondling, penetration, exposure to pornography, or incest) or emotional. Neglect happens when a parent or responsible caretaker fails to provide adequate supervision, food, clothing, shelter, medical care or other basics for a child.

Our Children Need You to Have the Courage to Call Today!

**1-800-25-ABUSE**  
(1-800-252-2873)

## Then what happens?

When a hotline call is made, questions will be asked to determine whether to take a formal report. If a formal report is taken, a DCFS Investigation Specialist will begin the investigation.

### Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

DCFS receives, investigates and acts upon a report of child abuse or neglect every five minutes, child sex abuse every hour, and the death of a child by abuse or neglect every day and a half. Thanks to a wide-range of services, fewer than one in 25 children are removed from the home, and half return home within a year.

630-844-8400 - Aurora Field Office  
847-888-7620 - Elgin Field Office  
[www.state.il.us/dcfs](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs)

### Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

The CAC serves children in Kane County who have been sexually or severely physically abused. As a division of the State's Attorney's Office, investigations will be conducted using multi-disciplinary teams of professionals to minimize the stress to the child and ensure that effective treatment is available to every child who has experienced abuse.

630-208-5160 / [www.co.kane.il.us/sao/](http://www.co.kane.il.us/sao/)

### Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

CASAs are trained volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system. Advocates spend time with the children, families, teachers, therapists, and medical professionals. The information gathered is then reported to the Judge toward ensuring a safe, permanent home for each child.

630-232-4484 / [www.casakanecounty.org](http://www.casakanecounty.org)

### Kane County Regional Office of Education (ROE)

The ROE advocates for education, provides leadership, performs regulatory functions, and coordinates state and local services for educators, school districts, and the community. The ROE supports the educational programs of Kane County by overseeing the nine districts in the county and coordinating and collaborating with efforts in our schools. **Keeping Kids Safe** is everyone's responsibility and the Regional Office of Education is a collaborative partner!

630-232-5963 / [www.kaneroe.org](http://www.kaneroe.org)

**Working together to protect and support  
the children of Kane County!**



**"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."  
-John F. Kennedy**



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
MAKING A HOTLINE CALL?

**EVERYONE.**

WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL?

**IMMEDIATELY.**

**1-800-25-ABUSE**

**Take no chances in reporting suspected child abuse or neglect.  
You risk nothing; they could lose everything.**

When a call is made, a hotline social worker will listen to the report. The worker will ask questions and gather enough information to determine whether to take a formal report. If a formal report is taken, a child protection investigator will begin the investigation within 24 hours – much sooner if the child is considered in immediate risk of harm.



Do you think I deserve a happy childhood?  
I want to feel...

**PROTECTED**  
**ADORED**  
**IMPORTANT**



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For an abused or neglected child, life can be...

**TERRIFYING**

**LONELY  
CONFUSING**



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