

SERVICES TO SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN

Child Abuse and/or Neglect

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1. Any employee of Educational Service Unit 2 who has reasonable cause to believe a child has been subjected to abuse and/or neglect or is being subjected to conditions which would result in abuse and/or neglect shall inform their immediate supervisor and the appropriate school official of the district of residence. To fulfill their statutory duty, the employee shall then report suspected abuse and/or neglect directly to the local enforcement agency or Department of Public Welfare.
2. Employees of Educational Service Unit 2 serving handicapped children below age five who have reasonable cause to believe a child has been subjected to abuse and/or neglect or is being subjected to conditions which would result in abuse and/or neglect shall immediately notify the Director of Special Education. Director of Special Education shall take appropriate action and assure that the employee fulfills their statutory duty by reporting suspected abuse and/or neglect directly to the local law enforcement agency or Department of Public Welfare.
3. Any employee who reports suspected child abuse and/or neglect or participates in an investigation or judicial proceeding is statutorily immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be imposed unless he or she made a maliciously false statement.
4. The name of any person reporting suspected child abuse and/or neglect shall to the best of everyone's ability remain confidential.
5. The Administrator shall cause to be provided information and in-service which will help assure that employees fully understand their responsibility under the law.

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