

SAN MATEO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH  
**CHILD ABUSE REPORTING AGREEMENT**

**Penal Code Section 11166.5** states any person who enters employment on or after January 1, 1985, and is a mandated reporter as specified in Section 11165.7, as a prerequisite to that employment, shall sign a statement on a form provided to him or her by his or her employer to the effect that he or she has knowledge of the provisions of **Penal Code Section 11165. – 11165.7** and will comply with those provisions. The signed statement shall be retained by the employer.

**Mandated Reporter:** Includes an administrator or employee of a public or private organization whose duties require direct contact and supervision of children, and the following: physician, surgeon, psychiatrist, psychologist, dentist, resident, intern, podiatrist, chiropractor, licensed nurse, family and child counselor, clinical social worker, any person who performs autopsies, a marriage and family therapist trainee, an unlicensed marriage and family child therapist intern registered, or any other person who is currently licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code.

**Child (a person under the age of 18) Abuse:** Means a physical injury that is inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person. Child abuse includes: unlawful corporal punishment or injury, neglect, willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment, sexual abuse, abuse or neglect in out of home care; child abuse does not include an injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his or her employment as a peace officer.

**Reporting:**

- A mandated reporter must report if he/she in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment has knowledge or observes a child whom he/she knows or reasonable suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect.
- A mandated reporter must report by both telephone immediately or as soon as possible and in writing within 36 hours to the appropriate agency, (See **MH Policy 01-03 for reporting guidelines**).

I am aware that Penal Code Section 11164 states failure to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect as required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months confinement in a county jail or by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both that fine and punishment.

I have received a copy of Penal Code Sections 11165.7 and 11166 from my employer.

I am aware that I am a mandated reporter, have knowledge of the provisions in Penal Code Section 11166 and will comply with my reporting obligations. I understand that this signed statement will be maintained in my personnel file.

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Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Classification \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_