

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT

In accordance with Education Law § 3209-a, the BOCES Board directs the District Superintendent to develop a set of procedures detailing BOCES' responsibilities pursuant to Article Six of the Social Services Law pertaining to abused and maltreated children. Those procedures shall specify the procedures to be followed regarding:

1. Mandatory reporting requirements of suspected child abuse or neglect;
2. Procedures for reporting child abuse and neglect including which BOCES personnel are required to report;
3. Provisions for taking a child into protective custody;
4. Mandatory reporting of deaths;
5. Immunity from liability and penalties for failure to report; and
6. Obligations for provision of services and procedures necessary to safeguard the life of a child.

BOCES shall establish and implement a training program for all BOCES personnel regarding the policies and procedures for reporting child abuse and neglect.

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