



# STOP CHILD ABUSE

## Universal Mandatory Reporting Can Help!

### Current practices

Currently each state has its own laws regarding the reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect. While some states require all people to report their concerns, many states only identify specific individuals that are mandated reporters. These individuals often include social workers, medical and mental health professionals, teachers, and child care providers (Department of Health and Human Services, 2015).

### Benefits of Mandatory Reporting

Counties in states with mandatory reporting laws have significantly higher rates of total and confirmed reports of abuse. Additionally, universal mandatory reporting was associated with higher rates of confirmed neglect (Paluscia & Vandervortb, 2014).

### Organizations

- National Child Abuse Coalition
- National Child Advocacy Center
- Child Welfare League of America
- National Child Alliance

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**5 Children die each day  
from child abuse.**

**In 2015, an estimated 1,670  
children died from abuse  
and Neglect in the U.S.**

**Implementing a Universal  
Mandatory Reporting law  
could help!**

**The federal standard for  
mandated reporting  
consists of the Child Abuse  
Prevention and Treatment  
Act (CAPTA) reauthorized in  
2010.**

**We would like to amend  
CAPTA to include  
mandatory reporting for all  
individuals.**

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