

Process for Reporting Child Abuse

- Everyone is a permissive reporter and is encouraged to make a report of suspected child abuse. Reporters of suspected child abuse fall into two categories.
- Mandated reporters are those adults who come into direct contact with children in the course of their employment or volunteer of a regularly scheduled program or activity, who accepts responsibility for a child.
- The trigger to report is a reasonable suspicion that a child is being abused. Permissive reporters may report anonymously; mandated reporters may not.

Making a Report of Child Abuse

- Reports of suspected child abuse are to be made **immediately**.
- If the child is in imminent danger, **call 911**
- Reports may be made orally by phone or electronically
 - Oral reports are made to ChildLine at **1-800-932-0313** which is available 24/7
 - Electronic reports are made via CWIS Self-Service portal at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis
- Inform the supervisor or person in charge of your program that a report was made