

## **(325 ILCS 5/) Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act**

### **Mandated Reporter Procedure for Upper Room Crisis Hotline Volunteers**

According to Section 4 (3) Crisis Intervention personnel, including any: crisis line or hotline personnel; or domestic violence program personnel and Section 4 (9) any member of the clergy are required to be mandated reporters when there is reasonable cause to believe that a child known to them in their professional or official capacities may be an abused child or a neglected child.

**“Abused child”** means a child whose parent or immediate family member, or any person responsible for the child’s welfare, or any individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour (significant other) of the child’s parent:

- a) Inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be inflicted upon such child physical injury, by other than accidental means, which causes death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function;
- b) Creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function;
- c) Commits or allows to be committed any sex offense against such child to include children under 18 years of age;
- d) Commits or allows to be committed an act or acts of torture upon such child;
- e) Inflicts excessive corporal punishment;
- f) Commits or allows to be committed the offense of female genital mutilation;
- g) Causes to be sold, transferred, distributed, or given to such child under 18 years of age, a controlled substance, except for controlled substances that are prescribed and dispensed to such child in a manner that complies with the prescription;
- h) Commits or allows to be committed the offense of involuntary servitude, involuntary sexual servitude of a minor, or trafficking.

**“Neglected child”** means any child who is not receiving the proper or necessary nourishment or medically indicated treatment including food or care not provided solely on the basis of the present or anticipated mental or physical impairment as determined by a physician acting alone or in consultation with other physicians or otherwise is not receiving the proper or necessary support or medical or other remedial care recognized under state law as necessary for a child’s well-being, or other care as necessary for his or her well-being, including adequate food, clothing and shelter; or who is subjected to an environment which is injurious insofar as (i) the child’s environment creates a likelihood of harm to the child’s

health, physical well-being, or welfare and (ii) the likely harm to the child is the result of blatant disregard of parent, caretaker, or agency responsibilities; or who is abandoned by his or her parents or other person responsible for the child’s welfare without a proper plan of care; and whose parent, guardian, or custodian refuses to permit the child to return home and no other living arrangement agreeable to the parent, guardian, or custodian can be made, and the parent, guardian, or custodian has not made any other appropriate living arrangement for the child.

In serving as an Upper Room Crisis Hotline phone counselor volunteer or a member of the clergy volunteer, I have read the above and understand that I am a mandated reporter. When a caller to the Upper Room Crisis Hotline shares information about herself or himself that indicates reasonable cause that a child may be abused or neglected, it must be immediately reported to the appropriate state child protection agency (Contact information provided by Upper Room) and to the Upper Room Crisis Hotline Executive Director. Written documentation including the agency receiving the report, date and time of the report and other relevant information explaining the reasonable cause of abuse or neglect of a child must be documented on a data sheet at the time of the report. Section 11.1a(c) indicates that any disclosure of information shall not identify the name of or provide identifying information regarding the source of the report. Volunteers reporting suspected child abuse/neglect will be kept anonymous.

Upper Room phone counselor phone counselor volunteer

Printed Name\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Upper Room volunteer member of the clergy

Printed name\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_