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DCFS Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement

All ISU employees are considered mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act requires that **ALL ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES** acknowledge that they are mandated reporters prior to starting employment.

As a mandated reporter, you are required to immediately report cases of suspected child abuse (physical or sexual) or neglect of minors (children under the age of 18) to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Take action if you have reasonable cause to believe a child you interact with or encounter in your official or professional capacity may be abused or neglected.

If you are not sure that a situation meets these criteria, call the DCFS Hotline anyway (DCFS 1-800-25ABUSE). DCFS will assess the situation. **When in doubt—REPORT!**

As a mandated reporter, you are also required to complete training within the first 30 days of employment. You will soon receive an email to your ilstu.edu account from Training@IllinoisState.edu directing you to complete our online Mandatory Reporting Training. This training will further explain your obligations as a mandated reporter. You will have thirty days from the date of that notification to complete the training.

For questions, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access at (309) 438-3383 or at MandatoryReportingTraining@IllinoisState.edu.