KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection

REPORTING ABUSE

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WHEN TO REPORT

The following may be indicators that someone is being abused or neglected:

Children: Sudden changes in behavior or school performance; medical conditions go untreated; lacks adult supervision; overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn behavior; does not want to go home; dehydration or malnutrition.

Adults: Sudden changes in physical behavioral or financial status of elderly or someone with a developmental disability; left in front of a TV all day; dehydration or malnutrition.

HOW TO REPORT

Emergencies

If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, **call 911**

Law enforcement

Individuals who suspect clergy sexual abuse of children or vulnerable adults are encouraged to contact the Michigan Attorney General's Office by calling its toll-free reporting hotline at **(844) 324-3374** (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by emailing **aginvestigations@michigan.gov.** Individuals also may contact their local police department.

Mandated reporting

Mandated reporters in Michigan must make an immediate verbal report to the CPS Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect at **(855) 444-3911,** followed by a written report within 72 hours (DHS-3200). Reports also can be made online.

Archdiocese of Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit's abuse reporting Intake Coordinator, Tony Latarski, can be reached at (313) 237-6060, toll-free at (866) 343-8055, or via email to reportabuse@aod.org. Mr. Latarski has an extensive background in law enforcement and works to receive and respond to all complaints. All calls and messages regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. Callers will be asked to provide their name and telephone number.

An individual may be more comfortable having first contact with the Victim Assistance Coordinator (Ms. Andrea Foley, VAC@aod.org, (313) 237-6062), but the report must nevertheless be made through the Intake Coordinator.

Reporting a bishop

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Reports of sexual misconduct by other Church personnel — priests, deacons, laypersons — should be reported in using the means described in the above sections.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Children's Advocacy Centers provide an array of compassionate, professional, trauma-informed services to children and their families: There are several Child Advocacy Centers in the State of Michigan. Visit the Michigan Chapter to find the CAC near you.

Helplines

Darkness to Light Helpline
1-866-FOR-LIGHT (1-866-367-5444)

Childhelp: USA National Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)

Michigan Chapter of National Children's Alliance
1-800-936-3349

Stop It Now!
1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)