

MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

Child Abuse and Mandatory Reporting

Policy:

The program has a written policy for reporting child abuse and neglect as well as procedures in place that comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws. The policy includes requirements for staff to report all suspected incidents of child abuse, neglect, or both by families, staff, volunteers, or others to the appropriate local agencies. Staff who report suspicions of child abuse or neglect where they work are immune from discharge, retaliation, or other disciplinary action for that reason alone unless it is proven that the report is malicious. (*NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards: 10.D.03*)

All DMACC Child Development Center Staff and Students are classified as mandatory reporters of child abuse. Suspected incidents of child abuse **MUST BE REPORTED** to the Iowa Department of Human Services at:

CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: 1.800.362.2178

Staff will directly report suspected incidents of child abuse to the Iowa Department of Human Services and file the necessary written reports. The staff member involved will then inform the Center Director. The staff member involved and Director will decide whether or not to inform parents of the reported suspected child abuse call. If students have suspicions of child abuse, they should go directly to the DMACC staff member and report their suspicions.

My signature verifies that I have received, read, and been given the opportunity to ask questions and clarify program policies and procedures regarding mandatory child abuse reporting in the DMACC Child Development Center. I understand that I am a mandatory reporter of child abuse while participating in the DMACC Child Development Center and I must adhere to the mandatory reporting policies and procedures.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____