

CHILD PROTECTION Regulation 84, 168,12,87 QA 1,2,5,6

All staff at the Centre are Mandatory notifiers. Staff have a legal responsibility to contact CARL where they suspect abuse has occurred. Staff must follow DECD requirements around this process for all notifications at the centre.

Confidentiality will be respected at all times. Throughout all phases of the child protection process, confidentiality will be maintained and the matter will only be discussed with other professionals who are responsible for ensuring the safety of all children.

The decision to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect will be seen as a fundamental professional responsibility of any person employed at the Centre in consultation with the director.

The Centre's main responsibility in this area is to ensure the safety of each and every child and support the children's right to feel safe and secure in their environment.

Staff should implement the child protection curriculum within the Centre Programs for all children.

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