



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANDATED REPORTER STATUS

I, _____ (Foster Parent's Name), understand that as a licensed foster parent I am a mandated reporter under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act [325 ILCS 5/4]. This means that I am required to report or cause a report to be made to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) whenever I have reasonable cause to believe that a child known to me in my foster parent capacity may be abused or neglected. I understand that there is no charge when calling the Hotline number and that the Hotline operates 24-hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year.

I understand that in an effort to help mandated reporters understand their critical role in protecting children by recognizing and reporting child abuse/neglect, DCFS administers an online training course entitled **Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Training for Mandated Reporters**, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I further understand that the privileged quality of communication I have with my foster child is not justifiable grounds for failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect. I know that if I willfully fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect, I may be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and I may be subject to license suspension or revocation.

I am aware that any person who knowingly transmits a false report commits the offense of disorderly conduct, which is a class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony. (This notification concerning false reporting is required under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act)

I affirm that I have read this statement and have knowledge and understanding of the reporting requirements, which apply to me under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

Signature of Applicant

Date