

Community Resources for Centre County Responding to Child Sexual Abuse

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Call to Report Abuse

The **ChildLine** and Abuse Registry Intake Unit **1-800-932-0313** is available 24 hours to receive reports of suspected child abuse. Professionals who come into contact with children are required to report when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child under the care, supervision, guidance or training of that person or of their agency, institution or organization is an abused child. In addition, any person may report suspected abuse, even if the individual wishes to remain anonymous.

Helplines – Services are for Men, Women, and Children

Centre Helps- Crisis Support Helpline (24 hour)	814-237-5855 or 2-1-1
CAN HELP- Mental Health Crisis Intervention, Support, Referrals (24 hour)	800-643-5432
Centre Safe	814-234-5050
Dating Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Rape Helpline (24 hour)	1-877-234-5050
Stop It Now- Child Sex Abuse Prevention and Protection Center (24 hour)	800-422-4453
YSB youth shelter hotline (24 hours)	814-234-2100

Additional Resources

Mandated Reporter Training Online

<http://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>

PSU Resources

A hotline has been established for victims and observers of sexual assault and relationship violence. Trained counselors on the hotline will help student's access appropriate resources. Penn State students from any campus can call 1-800-550-7575 (TTY 866-714-7177) to access the 24 hour a day, seven day a week hotline.

Legal Help

Centre County Victim Witness Office-Support for Victims of All Crimes	814-548-1107
MidPenn Legal Services-Advice, Referrals, Counseling	800-326-9177

State College Area School District

Parenting Discussion Programs Family Outreach	814-231-1070
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Resources for Healing

Treatment Providers

Centre County Mental Health-Identifies, Treats, Refers	814-355-6786
Mount Nittany Medical Center-Emergency Care	814-231-7000
Meadows Psychiatric Center- In-patient Psychiatric Care	814-364-2161
Centre County Children and Youth Services (CYS)	814-355-6755
Women's Resource Center- Counseling, Advocacy, Referrals	814-238-7066
Youth Service Bureau- Youth Shelter	814-234-2100
Youth Service Bureau- Residential, Prevention & Family services	814-237-5731
Hope Springs Recovery Groups	814-880-1532

Websites for more information on child sexual abuse and/or trauma

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network - www.rainn.org

National sexual assault organization - operates free, confidential national sexual assault hotline.

Victims of Crime - www.pacrimevictims.org

The website covers a variety of topics such as, victims' rights, available services, a flowchart outlining the criminal and juvenile justice system and much more.

Child Help Line- www.childhelp.org

Childhelp exists to meet the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of abused, neglected and at-risk children. We focus our efforts on advocacy, prevention, treatment, and community outreach.

Defend A Child – www.defendachild.org Aggregate national, regional, and local resource to promote the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse.

Stewards of Children Training: Interested in having a training contact Jamie SanFilippo at YMCA of Centre County State College Branch at 1-814-237-7717 or JSanFilippo@ymcaocc.org.

Pennsylvania- Mandated Reporter Laws

ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313

Reporters of Child Abuse:

Permissive Reporters- those who can

Mandated Reporters- those who must by law

Are you a mandated reporter?

<http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/about/mandatedreporter/index.htm>

When must a mandated reporter make a report?

A mandated reporter must make a report of suspected child abuse if they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse under any of the following circumstances:

- The mandated reporter comes into contact with the child in the course of employment, occupation and practice of a profession or through a regularly scheduled program, activity or service.
- The mandated reporter is directly responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or training of the child, or is affiliated with an agency, institution, organization, school, regularly established church or religious organization or other entity that is directly responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or training of the child.
- A person makes a specific disclosure to the mandated reporter that an identifiable child is the victim of child abuse.
- An individual 14 years of age or older makes a specific disclosure to the mandated reporter that the individual has committed child abuse.

How to report suspected or known child abuse:

Mandated reporters must make an immediate and direct report of suspected child abuse to ChildLine either electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis or by calling 1-800-932-0313. Permissive Reporters can make an immediate and direct report by calling ChildLine.

After making a report to ChildLine:

After making the report to ChildLine by phone or electronically, you are required to immediately thereafter notify the person in charge of the institution, school, facility or agency or the designated agent of the person in charge. After calling ChildLine, a call to local CYs is recommended and a reporter must complete a CY-47 form.

CY-47

http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/c_137044.pdf

For more information: <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/>