

STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD, ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

Child

Section 11166[a] of the Penal Code requires any child care custodian, medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency, who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse, to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or (as soon as practically possible) by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information regarding the incident. 800-540-4000

Elder (65 and over)

Sections 9380-9287, of the Welfare and Institutions Code, provide for mandatory reporting of physical abuse of the elderly (65 years if age and older). 877-477-3646

Dependent Adult

Sections 15600-15602 and 1561 provide for mandatory reporting of physical abuse of a dependent adult (18-64 years of age). Dependent adult means any person 18-64, who has physical or mental limitations which restrict his or her rights including, but not limited to, persons who have physical or developmental disabilities or whose physical or mental abilities have diminished because of age. 877-477-3646

Any person reporting under the above provisions is immune from civil or criminal liability, unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose. Any person who knowingly fails to report is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)

DEFINITIONS

“Child Care Custodian” includes teachers, administrative officers, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, or certified pupil personnel employees of any public or private school, administrators of a public or private day camp, licensed day care workers, administrators of community care facilities licensed to care for children, head-start teachers, licensing workers or licensing evaluator, public assistance workers, employees of a child care institution, including but not limited to foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities and social workers or probation officers.

“Care Custodian” includes an administrator or an employee of a health facility, clinic, home health agency, educational institution, sheltered workshop, camp respite care facility, residential care institution, community care facility, adult day care facility, and any person who provides goods or services necessary to avoid physical harm or mental suffering who performs duties.

“Medical Practitioner” includes physicians and surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologist, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, or any person who is licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code.

“Non-medical Practitioners” includes state or county public health employees who treat minors or elders for any condition; coroners; paramedics; social workers; marriage, family or child counselors; and religious practitioners who diagnose, examine or treat children or elders.

“Protective Agency Staff” includes nursing home ombudsman, police, sheriff, probation officers, DPSS.

I, _____, have read and understand the requirements of child, elder and dependent adult reporting requirements as outlined above and will comply with those provisions.

If I have knowledge of, observe, or have reason to reasonably suspect that a Children's Institute International's staff member or independent contractor hired by Children's Institute International has abused a Child, Elder, or Dependent Adult, then in addition to reporting required by Statute, I understand I must report this to the Director of Human Resources or the Senior Vice President, Administration.

Signature: _____ Date: _____