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Note: Some of these tables are contained within this article, but there is additional reference material below that is referred to in the article.

Persons Required to Make Reports: Australia, Canada and the US

State/Province Persons mandated to report suspected child abuse and neglect

Australia

Australian Capital Territory	Doctors, dentists, nurses, enrolled nurses, midwives, schoolteachers, police, school counsellors, persons caring for a child at child care centers, coordinating or monitoring the provision of home-based care for a family day care scheme licenses, public servants who work with or provide services to children or families, the public advocate, the official visitor
New South Wales	Persons who deliver health care, welfare, education, children's services, residential services, or law enforcement, wholly or partly, to children; and persons who hold management positions in an organization which provides such services
Northern Territory	All citizens
Queensland	Doctors and registered nurses only; teachers required only to report sexual abuse by school employees; government officers and employees required only to report harm to children in government care; childcare center licensees (Child Care Act 2002 s 81) only required to report harm to children while at a childcare center

South Australia
medical practitioners, pharmacists, registered and enrolled nurses, dentists, psychologists, police, community corrections officers, social workers, religious ministers, employees and volunteers in religious or spiritual organizations, teachers in educational institution including kindergartens, family day care providers, any employee or volunteer in government and non-government agencies providing health, welfare, education, sporting or recreational, child care or residential services, wholly or partly for children (who actually delivers such services or holds a management position in the organization)

Tasmania
medical practitioners, nurses, dentists, dental therapists and hygienists, psychologists, police, probation officers, principals and teachers in educational institution including kindergartens, child care service providers, managers of licensed child care services, any employee or volunteer in government agencies providing health, welfare, education, child care or residential services wholly or partly for children (or in an organization receiving government funding for the provisions of such services)

Victoria
Medical practitioners, registered nurses, teachers, State and non-State school principals, police

Western Australia
None; childcare center licensees (Child Care Services (Child Care) Regulations 2006 r 20) and licensees of outside school hours childcare services (Child Care Services (Outside School Hours Care) Regulations 2006) r 21 only required to report harm suffered by children while at a childcare center; contrast police officers' duty to report harm or suspected harm to child after having taken child into provisional protection and care (s 37); and officers in charge of hospitals' power to keep child under 6 in hospital if thought in need of protection, with duty to report (s 40)

Federal law

The Family Law Act 1975 requires Registry Managers to report written allegations of child abuse disclosed in family court proceedings (s 67Z); and requires notifications of suspicions developed in the course of performing family law-related duties of abuse or risk of abuse, by Family Court registrars and deputy registrars, Federal Court registrars, and family consultants, counsellors, dispute resolution practitioners, arbitrators or lawyers independently representing children's interests, in all States and Territories

Canada

Alberta, British Columbia,
Manitoba, New Brunswick,
Newfoundland and Labrador,
Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia,
Nunavut, Ontario, Prince Edward
Island and Saskatchewan.

All persons

Quebec

All persons to make reports of suspected sexual abuse and physical ill-treatment through violence or neglect; and requires professionals who provide care or assistance to children (including employees of institutions, teachers and police) to report broader classes of abuse and neglect

Yukon Territory

Education Act ss 168 and 169 compels school teachers and school principals respectively to make reports, and the Child Care Act s 37 compels persons providing a child care program and employees of such persons to make reports; otherwise there is voluntary reporting

US

Alabama	Only named professions required to make reports, including: hospitals, clinics, sanitariums, doctors, physicians, surgeons, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, nurses, school officials and teachers, peace officers, law enforcement officials, pharmacists, social workers, day care workers, mental health professionals, clergy, or any other person called upon to render aid or medical assistance to any child
Alaska	Only named professions required to make reports, including: school teachers and administrative staff members, child care providers, paid employees of domestic violence and sexual assault programs or crisis interventions or prevention programs, paid employees of an organization that provides counseling or treatment to individuals seeking to control their use of drugs or alcohol, members of a child fatality review team or multidisciplinary child protection team, practitioners of the healing arts (chiropractors, mental health counselors, social workers, dental hygienists, dentists, health aides, nurses, nurse practitioners, certified nurse aides, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, optometrists, osteopaths, naturopaths, physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, physicians, physician's assistants, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychological associates, audiologists and speech-language pathologists, hearing aid dealers, marital and family therapists, religious healing practitioners, acupuncturists, and surgeons
Arizona	Only named professions required to make reports, including: physician, physician's assistant, optometrist, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, behavioral health professional, nurse, psychologist, counselor or social worker, peace officer, member of the clergy, priest or christian science practitioner, parent, stepparent or guardian of the minor, school personnel or domestic violence victim advocate, any other person who has responsibility for the care or treatment of the minor

Arkansas Only named professions required to make reports, including: physicians, surgeons, osteopaths, resident interns, coroners, dentists, nurses or medical personnel, teachers school officials or counselors, daycare center workers, child care workers, foster care workers, social workers, foster parents, or department employees, mental health professionals, domestic violence shelter employees or volunteers, law enforcement personnel, peace officers, prosecuting attorneys, domestic abuse advocates, judges, court appointed special advocates staff or volunteers, juvenile intake or probation officers, any member of clergy including ministers, priests, rabbis, Christian science practitioners or other religious organizations

California Only named professions required to make reports, including: teachers, instructional aides, teaching assistants, administrative officers, certificated pupil personnel employees, employees of day camps, youth centers, youth recreation centers, or organizations, childcare institution employees including foster parents , group home personnel, personnel of residential care facilities, social workers, probation officers, parole officers, district attorney investigators, peace officers, fire fighters (except for volunteer firefighters), physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, optometrists, marriage counselors, family and child counselors, clinical social workers, emergency technicians I or II or paramedics, state or county public health officials, coroners, medical examiners, commercial film and photographic print processors, child visitation monitors, animal control officers, humane society officers, clergy members, custodian of records of a clergy member, employees of police or sheriff's departments, probation or paroled departments, employee or volunteers of court appointed special advocate programs

Colorado Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician or surgeon, including a physician in training; child health associate; medical examiner or coroner; dentist; osteopath; optometrist; chiropractor; chiropodist or podiatrist; registered nurse or licensed practical nurse; hospital personnel engaged in the admission, care, or treatment of patients; Christian science practitioner; public or private school official or employee; social worker or worker in any licensed or certified facility or agency; mental health professional; dental hygienist; psychologist; physical therapist; veterinarian; peace officer; pharmacist;

commercial film and photographic print processor; firefighter; victim's advocate; licensed professional counselor; licensed marriage and family therapist; unlicensed psychotherapists; clergy member.

Connecticut Only named professions required to make reports, including: any licensed physician or surgeon, any resident physician or intern in any hospital (whether or not licensed), any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, dental hygienist, psychologist, coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics, school teacher, school principal, school guidance counselor, school paraprofessional, school coach, social worker, police officer, juvenile or adult probation officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, member of the clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, mental health professional or physician assistant, any person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services provider, any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor, any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist, any sexual assault counselor or battered women's counselor, any licensed professional counselor, any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and Families, any employee of the Department of Public Health who is responsible for the licensing of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day care homes or youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of Child Advocate

Delaware All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

Dist Columbia Only named professions required to make reports, including: physicians, medical examiners, dentists, chiropractors, nurses, school officials, teachers, daycare workers, psychologists and mental health professionals, law enforcement officers, social service workers

Florida All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

Georgia	<p>Only named professions required to make reports, including: physicians, hospital and medical personnel, podiatrists, dentists, or nurses; school teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, school social workers, or psychologists; psychologists, counselors, social workers, or marriage and family therapists; child welfare agency personnel (including any child-caring institution, child-placing agency, maternity home, family daycare home, group daycare home, and daycare center), child-counseling personnel, or child service organization personnel; law enforcement personnel; persons who process or produce visual or printed matter</p>
Hawaii	<p>Only named professions required to make reports, including: any licensed or registered professional of the healing arts or any health-related occupation who examines, attends, treats, or provides other professional or specialized services, including but not limited to physicians, including physicians in training, psychologists, dentists, nurses, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, pharmacists, and other health-related professionals; employees or officers of any public or private school; employees or officers of any public or private agency or institution, or other individuals, providing social, medical, hospital, or mental health services, including financial assistance; employees or officers of any law enforcement agency, including but not limited to the courts, police departments, department of public safety, correctional institutions, and parole or probation offices; Individual providers of child care, or employees or officers of any licensed or registered child care facility, foster home, or similar institution; medical examiners or coroners; and employees of any public or private agency providing recreational or sports activities</p>
Idaho	<p>All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions</p>
Illinois	<p>Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician, resident, intern, hospital, hospital administrator and personnel engaged in examination, care and treatment of persons, surgeon, dentist, dentist hygienist, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, physician assistant, substance abuse treatment personnel, funeral home director or employee, coroner, medical examiner, emergency medical technician, acupuncturist, crisis line or hotline personnel, school personnel (including administrators and both certified and non-certified</p>

school employees), educational advocate assigned to a child pursuant to the School Code, truant officers, social worker, social services administrator, domestic violence program personnel, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, genetic counselor, respiratory care practitioner, advanced practice nurse, home health aide, director or staff assistant of a nursery school or a child day care center, recreational program or facility personnel, law enforcement officer, licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical professional counselor, registered psychologist and assistants working under the direct supervision of a psychologist, psychiatrist, or field personnel of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Public Health, Human Services (acting as successor to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Rehabilitation Services, or Public Aid), Corrections, Human Rights, or Children and Family Services, supervisor and administrator of general assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code, probation officer, or any other foster parent, homemaker or child care worker; Any member of the clergy all citizens required to make reports

Indiana All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

Iowa Only named professions required to make reports, including: health practitioners, social workers, employees or operators of a public or private health care facility, certified psychologists, licensed school employees, certified para-professional educators, holders of a coaching authorization, instructors employed by a community college, employees or operators of a licensed child care center, registered child development home, head start program, family development and self-sufficiency grant program, employees or operators of a substance abuse program or facility, employees of a department of human services institution, employees or operators of a juvenile detention or juvenile shelter care facility, employees or operators of a foster care facility, employees or operators of a mental health center, peace officers, counselors or mental health professionals, employees or operators of a provider of services to children funded under a federally approved medical assistance home and community-based services waiver

Kansas	Only named professions required to make reports, including: physicians, dentists, optometrists, nurses, chief administrative officers of medical care facilities, or emergency medical services personnel; Teachers, school administrators, or other school employees, licensed childcare providers; Psychologists, clinical psychotherapists, marriage and family therapists, social workers, clinical marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, or alcohol and drug abuse counselors; firefighters, mediators, law enforcement officers, or juvenile intake and assessment workers
Kentucky	All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions
Louisiana	Only named professions required to make reports, including: health practitioners (those who provide health care services, including physicians, surgeons, physical therapists, dentists, residents, interns, hospital staff members, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, nursing aides, dental hygienists, any emergency medical technician, paramedics, optometrists, medical examiners, coroners; Mental health/social service practitioners (those who provide mental health care or social service diagnosis, assessment, counseling, or treatment, including psychiatrists, psychologists, marriage or family counselors, social workers, clergy (any priest, rabbi, duly ordained clerical deacon or minister, Christian Science practitioner, or other similarly situated functionary of a religious organization), aides, or other individuals who provides counseling services; teaching or child care providers (those who provide training and supervision of a child, including any public or private teacher, teacher's aide, instructional aide, school principal, school staff member, social worker, probation officer, foster home parent, group home or other child care institutional staff member, personnel of residential home facilities, a licensed or unlicensed day care provider, or any individual who provides such services to a child; police officers or law enforcement officials; commercial film and photographic print processors; mediators
Maine	Only named professions required to make reports, including: any allopathic or osteopathic physician, resident or intern; emergency medical services person; medical examiner; physician's assistant; dentist; dental hygienist; dental assistant; chiropractor; podiatrist;

registered or licensed practical nurse; teacher; guidance counselor; school official; children's summer camp administrator or counselor; social worker; court-appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem for the child; homemaker; home health aide; medical or social service worker; psychologist; child care personnel; mental health professional; law enforcement official; state or municipal fire inspector; municipal code enforcement official; commercial film and photographic print processor; clergy member, chair of a professional licensing board that has jurisdiction over mandated reporters; humane agent employed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Maryland All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

Massachusetts Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician, medical intern, hospital personnel engaged in the examination, care or treatment of persons, medical examiner, psychologist, emergency medical technician, dentist, nurse, chiropractor, podiatrist, optometrist, osteopath, public or private school teacher, educational administrator, guidance or family counselor, day care worker or any person paid to care for or work with a child in any public or private facility, or home or program funded by the commonwealth or licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter twenty-eight A, which provides day care or residential services to children or which provides the services of child care resource and referral agencies, voucher management agencies, family day care systems and child care food programs, probation officer, clerk/magistrate of the district courts, parole officer, social worker, foster parent, firefighter or policeman, licenser of the office of child care services or any successor agency, school attendance officer, allied mental health and human services professional as licensed pursuant to the provisions of section one hundred and sixty-five of chapter one hundred and twelve, drug and alcoholism counselor, psychiatrist, and clinical social worker, priest, rabbi, clergy member, ordained or licensed minister, leader of any church or religious body, accredited Christian Science practitioner, person performing official duties on behalf of a church or religious body that are recognized as the duties of a priest, rabbi, clergy, ordained or licensed minister, leader of any church or religious body, or accredited Christian Science

practitioner, or person employed by a church or religious body to supervise, educate, coach, train or counsel a child on a regular basis

- Michigan Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician, dentist, physician's assistant, registered dental hygienist, medical examiner, nurse, person licensed to provide emergency medical care, audiologist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, social worker, licensed master's social worker, licensed bachelor's social worker, registered social service technician, social service technician, school administrator, school counselor or teacher, law enforcement officer, member of the clergy, or regulated child care provider; department employees including eligibility specialists, family independence managers, family independence specialists, social services specialists, social work specialists, social work specialist managers, or welfare services specialists
- Minnesota Only named professions required to make reports, including: a professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, social services, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, education, correctional supervision, probation and correctional services, or law enforcement; or a member of the clergy
- Mississippi All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions
- Missouri Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician, medical examiner, coroner, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, resident, intern, nurse, hospital or clinic personnel that are engaged in the examination, care, treatment or research of persons, and any other health practitioner, psychologist, mental health professional, social worker, day care center worker or other child-care worker, juvenile officer, probation or parole officer, jail or detention center personnel, teacher, principal or other school official, minister, peace officer or law enforcement official, or other person with responsibility for the care of children

Montana	<p>Only named professions required to make reports, including: a physician, resident, intern, or member of a hospital's staff engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons; a nurse, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, medical examiner, coroner, dentist, optometrist, or any other health or mental health professional; Christian Science practitioners and religious healers; school teachers, other school officials, and employees who work during regular school hours; a social worker, operator or employee of any registered or licensed day-care or substitute care facility, staff of a resource and referral grant program or of a child and adult food care program, or an operator or employee of a child-care facility; a foster care, residential, or institutional worker; a peace officer or other law enforcement official; a member of the clergy; a guardian ad litem or a court-appointed advocate who is authorized to investigate a report of alleged abuse or neglect; an employee of an entity that contracts with the department to provide direct services to children</p>
Nebraska	<p>All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions</p>
Nevada	<p>Only named professions required to make reports, including: a physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, alcohol or drug abuse counselor, clinical social worker, athletic trainer, advanced emergency medical technician or other person providing licensed or certified medical services; Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar institution upon notification of suspected abuse or neglect of a child by a member of the staff of the hospital; a coroner; a clergyman, practitioner of Christian Science or religious healer; a social worker and an administrator, teacher, librarian or counselor of a school; any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for children, children's camp or other public or private facility, institution or agency furnishing care to a child; any person licensed to conduct a foster home; any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or an adult or juvenile probation officer; an attorney, unless he has acquired the knowledge of the abuse or neglect from a client who is or</p>

may be accused of the abuse or neglect; any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met; any person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an approved youth shelter; any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides organized activities for children.

New Hampshire All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

New Jersey All citizens required to make reports; no professions specified

New Mexico All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

New York Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician; registered physician assistant; surgeon; medical examiner; coroner; dentist; dental hygienist; osteopath; optometrist; chiropractor; podiatrist; resident; intern; psychologist; registered nurse; social worker; emergency medical technician; licensed creative arts therapist; licensed marriage and family therapist; licensed mental health counselor; licensed psychoanalyst; hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons; a Christian Science practitioner; school official; social services worker; day care center worker; provider of family or group family day care; employee or volunteer in a residential care facility, or any other child care or foster care worker; mental health professional; substance abuse counselor; alcoholism counselor; peace officer; police officer; district attorney or assistant district attorney; investigator employed in the office of a district attorney; or other law enforcement official

North Carolina All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

North Dakota Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner or coroner, or any other medical or mental health professional, religious practitioner of the healing arts, schoolteacher or administrator, school counselor,

addiction counselor, social worker, day care center or any other child care worker, police or law enforcement officer, or member of the clergy

Ohio Only named professions required to make reports, including: any person who is an attorney; physician, including a hospital intern or resident; dentist; podiatrist; practitioner of a specified branch of medicine; registered nurse; licensed practical nurse; visiting nurse; other health care professional; licensed psychologist; licensed school psychologist; independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist; speech pathologist or audiologist; coroner; administrator or employee of a child day-care center; administrator or employee of a residential camp or child day camp; administrator or employee of a certified child care agency or other public or private children services agency; school teacher; school employee; school authority; person engaged in social work or the practice of professional counseling; agent of a county humane society; person, other than a cleric, rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well-recognized religion; superintendent, board member, or employee of a county board of mental retardation; investigative agent contracted with by a county board of mental retardation; employee of the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities; employee of a facility or home that provides respite care; employee of a home health agency; employee of an entity that provides homemaker services; a person performing the duties of a specified assessor; or third party employed by a public children services agency to assist in providing child or family related services

Oklahoma All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

Oregon Only named professions required to make reports, including: physician, including any intern or resident; dentist; school employee; licensed practical nurse or registered nurse; employee of the Department of Human Services, State Commission on Children and Families, Child Care Division of the Employment Department, the Oregon Youth Authority, a county health department, a community mental health and developmental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a licensed child-caring agency or an alcohol and drug treatment program;

peace officer; psychologist; member of the clergy; licensed clinical social worker; optometrist; chiropractor; certified provider of foster care, or an employee thereof; attorney; naturopathic physician; licensed professional counsellor; licensed marriage and family therapist; firefighter or emergency medical technician; court appointed special advocate; registered or certified child care provider; Member of the Legislative Assembly

Pennsylvania Only named professions required to make reports, including: physicians, osteopaths, medical examiners, coroners, funeral directors, dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, nurses, hospital personnel, or Christian Science practitioners; members of the clergy; school administrators, teachers, or school nurses; social services workers, daycare center workers, or any other childcare or foster care workers, or mental health professionals; peace officers or law enforcement officials

Rhode Island All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions

South Carolina Only named professions required to make reports, including: a physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner, or coroner, or an employee of a county medical examiner's or coroner's office, or any other medical, emergency medical services, mental health, or allied health professional, member of the clergy including a Christian Science Practitioner or religious healer, school teacher, counselor, principal, assistant principal, social or public assistance worker, substance abuse treatment staff, or childcare worker in a childcare center or foster care facility, police or law enforcement officer, undertaker, funeral home director or employee of a funeral home, persons responsible for processing films, computer technician, or a judge

South Dakota Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, optometrist, mental health professional or counselor, podiatrist, psychologist, religious healing practitioner, social worker, hospital intern or resident, parole or court services officer, law enforcement officer, teacher, school counselor, school official, nurse, licensed or registered child welfare provider, employee or volunteer of a domestic

abuse shelter, chemical dependency counselor, coroner, or in specified safety-sensitive positions

Tennessee	All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions
Texas	All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions
Utah	All citizens required to make reports, and named specified professions
Vermont	Only named professions required to make reports, including: any physician, surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, or physician's assistant licensed, certified, or registered under the provisions of Title 26, any resident physician, intern, or any hospital administrator in any hospital in this state, whether or not so registered, and any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, psychologist, pharmacist, any other health care provider, school superintendent, school teacher, school librarian, day care worker, school principal, school guidance counselor, mental health professional, social worker, probation officer, police officer, camp owner, camp administrator, camp counselor, or member of the clergy
Virginia	Only named professions required to make reports, including: any person licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts; hospital resident or intern, and any person employed in the nursing profession; person employed as a social worker; probation officer; teacher or other person employed in a public or private school, kindergarten or nursery school; person providing full-time or part-time child care for pay on a regularly planned basis; mental health professional; law-enforcement officer; mediator eligible to receive court referrals; professional staff person employed by a private or state-operated hospital, institution or facility to which children have been committed or where children have been placed for care and treatment; person associated with or employed by any private organization responsible for the care, custody or control of children; person designated a court-appointed special advocate; person over 18 years who has received training approved by the Department of Social Services for

the purposes of recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect; and any person employed by a local department determining eligibility for public assistance.

- Washington Only named professions required to make reports, including: any practitioner, county coroner or medical examiner, law enforcement officer, professional school personnel, registered or licensed nurse, social service counselor, psychologist, pharmacist, licensed or certified child care providers or their employees, employee of the department, juvenile probation officer, placement and liaison specialist, responsible living skills program staff, HOPE center staff, or state family and children's ombudsman or any volunteer in the ombudsman's office
- West Virginia Only named professions required to make reports, including: any medical, dental or mental health professional, Christian Science practitioner, religious healer, school teacher or other school personnel, social service worker, child care or foster care worker, emergency medical services personnel, peace officer or law-enforcement official, humane officer, member of the clergy, circuit court judge, family court judge, employee of the Division of Juvenile Services or magistrate
- Wisconsin Only named professions required to make reports, including: a physician, coroner, medical examiner, nurse, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, acupuncturist, other medical or mental health professional, social worker, marriage and family therapist, professional counsellor, public assistance worker, including a specified financial and employment planner, school teacher or administrator or counsellor, mediator, child-care worker in a daycare center, group home, or residential care center for children and youth, day care provider, alcohol or other drug abuse counsellor, member of county department treatment staff, physical therapist or assistant, occupational therapist, dietitian, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, emergency medical technician, first responder, police or law enforcement officer
- Wyoming all citizens required to make reports; no professions specified

Broad Types of Abuse and Neglect Required to be Reported

State/Province/Territory	Broad types of abuse and neglect required to be reported
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Canada

All provinces	Physical, sexual, and emotional/psychological abuse, and neglect
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Australia

Australian Capital Territory, Victoria	Physical and sexual abuse only
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New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania	Physical, sexual, and psychological abuse, and neglect
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Western Australia	None
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US

All states	Physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional or psychological or mental abuse (but see above text regarding Idaho, Illinois and Washington), and neglect
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Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine,	Require reports of substance-exposed newborns, either expressly requiring reports, and/or constructively doing so by adding substance-exposure of a new born to the definition of abuse and neglect
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Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota,	
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Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota,
Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin.

Hawaii Requires the department of human services to operate a program including policies and procedures, including appropriate referrals to CPS and other services, to address the needs of infants born and identified as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, including a requirement that health care providers involved in the delivery or care of an affected infant notify child protective services of the occurrence of the condition.

Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, No provisions for substance-exposed newborns
Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi,
Missouri, Montana, Nebraska,
New Hampshire, New Jersey,
New Mexico, New York, North Carolina,
Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island,
Tennessee, Vermont, Washington,
West Virginia, Wyoming.

Arkansas, Dist Columbia, giving, or permitting a child to consume, specified
Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, drugs
Iowa, Minnesota, Texas

Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, use of drugs by caregiver impairing ability to
New York, Rhode Island, Texas adequately care for the child

Colorado, Indiana manufacture (or attempted manufacture) of drug in
presence of child or on premises occupied by a child

Iowa, Montana, Oregon,
South Dakota, Virginia

exposing a child to the criminal distribution,
production or manufacture of dangerous drugs

North Dakota, Oregon

exposing a child to a controlled substance, or drug
paraphernalia

District of Columbia

exposing a child to use, sale, distribution, or manufacture
of a drug or drug paraphernalia

Note: The following states do not address either substance-exposed newborns or exposure of children to drug-related activity: AL, CT, DE, NJ, VT

Extent of Suspected Harm Required to Activate the Reporting Duty

State/Province/Territory Extent of suspected harm required to activate the reporting duty

Canada

Alberta child deemed in need of intervention where the child's "survival, security or development" is believed to be "endangered" by physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect; child defined as "physically injured" if there is "substantial and observable injury to any part of the child's body as a result of the non-accidental application of force or an agent to the child's body that is evidenced by a laceration, a contusion, an abrasion, a scar, a fracture or other bony injury, a dislocation, a sprain, hemorrhaging, the rupture of viscus, a burn, a scald, frostbite, the loss or alteration of consciousness or physiological functioning or the loss of hair or teeth"; child is "sexually abused" if "inappropriately exposed or subjected to sexual contact, activity or behaviour including prostitution related activities"; child is "emotionally injured" if there is "impairment of the child's mental or emotional functioning or development" due to any of the following: "rejection; emotional, social, cognitive or physiological neglect; deprivation of affection or cognitive stimulation; exposure to domestic violence or severe domestic disharmony; inappropriate criticism, threats, humiliation, accusations or expectations of or toward the child; the mental or emotional condition of the guardian of the child or of anyone living in the same residence as the child; chronic alcohol or drug abuse by the guardian or by anyone living in the same residence as the child"; child is "neglected" if guardian unable or unwilling to provide the child with the "necessities of life" or "essential medical, surgical or other remedial treatment" necessary for health or well-being, or "adequate care or supervision"

British Columbia child deemed in need of protection where child has been or is likely to be physically harmed, sexually abused, emotionally harmed or neglected; "sexually abused" further defined only to include conduct related to prostitution; "emotional harm" defined as occurring "if the child

demonstrates severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or self-destructive or aggressive behaviour”; “neglect” effectively only further defined as including deprivation of “necessary health care”, likely serious impairment by a treatable condition with parental failure to obtain treatment, and parental failure to provide for the child’s care when unable or unwilling to do so personally

Manitoba child deemed in need of protection where the child’s “life, health or emotional well-being” is “endangered”; child deemed in need of protection in circumstances including physical injury, acts or omissions resulting in or likely to result in “emotional disability of a permanent nature”; being without “adequate care, supervision or control” or medical treatment necessary for health or well-being

New Brunswick terms not further defined for purposes of reporter duties

Newfoundland/ child deemed in need of protective intervention where child is, or is at risk of being

Labrador “physically harmed”, “sexually abused or exploited”, “emotionally harmed”—none of which are further defined—“neglect” effectively narrowly defined as including parental failure to obtain or permit “essential” medical care recommended by a medical practitioner, and where a child limited to a child under 12 years of age has been left without adequate supervision

Northwest Terr. child deemed in need of protection where child has suffered, or is at “substantial risk” of suffering “physical harm”, or has been or is at risk of being “sexually molested or exploited”, or has suffered or is at risk of suffering “emotional harm”—none of which are further defined—“neglect” effectively further defined as including malnutrition, neglect resulting in risk resulting in “physical or emotional harm”, or parental failure to provide medical treatment regarding “serious” physical harm or suffering, or unremedied child substance abuse that has harmed or risks harm to the child’s health or emotional or mental well-being

Nova Scotia child deemed in need of protective services where child has suffered, or is at “substantial risk” of suffering “physical harm”, or sexual abuse or emotional harm; “emotional harm” required to be demonstrated by “severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or self-destructive or aggressive behaviour”; “neglect” effectively defined to include parental failure to remedy the

child's suffering of physical harm, or of a mental, emotional or developmental condition that if not remedied could seriously impair the child's development

Nunavut child deemed in need of protection where child has suffered, or is at "substantial risk" of suffering "physical harm", or sexual abuse or "emotional harm"; "emotional harm" required to be demonstrated by "severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, self-destructive behaviour, or aggressive behaviour towards others, or any other severe behaviour consistent with the child having suffered emotional harm"; "neglect" effectively defined to include malnutrition "of a degree that if not immediately remedied could seriously impair the child's growth or development or result in permanent injury or death", parental failure to remedy the child's suffering of physical harm, or of a mental, emotional or developmental condition that if not remedied could seriously impair the child's development

Ontario child deemed in need of protection where child has suffered, or is at "substantial risk" of suffering "physical harm", or sexual abuse or "emotional harm"; "emotional harm" required to be demonstrated by "serious anxiety, depression, withdrawal, self-destructive or aggressive behaviour, or delayed development"; "neglect" effectively defined to include parental failure to remedy the child's suffering of physical harm, or of a mental, emotional or developmental condition that if not remedied could seriously impair the child's development

Prince Edward Island child deemed in need of protection where child has suffered, or is at "substantial risk" of suffering "physical harm inflicted by a parent", sexual abuse, or "emotional harm" or "neglect"; "neglect" defined as "failure to provide a child with adequate care and guidance, or other acts of omission by a parent...that are inappropriate for the child or likely to be harmful to the child" and defined further to effectively require the suffering of "harm" by "neglect" or parental failure to "adequately supervise or protect the child", and as including parental failure to provide medical treatment regarding physical or emotional conditions or harm suffered, and parental failure to provide a remedy for a child's mental, emotional or developmental condition that if unaddressed could "seriously harm" the child

Quebec "security or development of a child" considered to be in danger in situations including the suffering of sexual abuse, the suffering of physical ill-treatment through violence or neglect,

parental failure to provide remedial treatment for “serious behavioural disturbances”, lack of appropriate parental care threatening the child’s physical health or “mental or affective development” or depriving the child of appropriate “material conditions of life”

Saskatchewan child deemed in need of protection where as a result of parental acts or omissions, child has suffered or is likely to suffer “physical harm”, “serious impairment of mental or emotional functioning”, or “has been or is likely to be exposed to harmful interaction for asexual purpose”; neglect effectively defined as parental failure to provide medical treatment considered necessary by a medical practitioner, parental failure to remedy a child’s mental, emotional or developmental condition that if unaddressed is likely to “seriously impair” the child’s development

Yukon Territory child deemed in need of protection where the child is physically abused in any way, “in probable danger of physical or psychological harm”, involved in sexual activity, deprived of “reasonable necessities of life or health” or of proper medical care or treatment necessary for health or wellbeing or normal development

Australia

Australian Capital Territory	Physical abuse: no qualification; all suspected physical abuse must be reported. Sexual abuse: no qualification; all suspected sexual abuse must be reported.
New South Wales	Physical abuse: no qualification; all suspected physical abuse must be reported. Sexual abuse: no qualification; all suspected sexual abuse must be reported. Psychological abuse: reporter must believe the child has suffered or is at risk of suffering “serious” psychological harm. Neglect: reporter must believe the child’s basic physical or psychological needs are not being met or are at risk of not being met.

Northern Territory	<p>Physical abuse: reporter must believe child has suffered a physical injury causing temporary or permanent disfigurement or serious pain, or has suffered impairment of a bodily function or of the normal capacity of a bodily function.</p> <p>Sexual abuse: no qualification; all suspected sexual abuse must be reported.</p> <p>Psychological abuse: reporter must believe child has suffered serious emotional or intellectual impairment evidenced by severe psychological or social malfunctioning measured by the standards of the child's community</p> <p>Neglect: reporter must believe child has suffered serious physical impairment evidenced by severe bodily malfunctioning</p>
Queensland	<p>For physical, sexual and psychological abuse, and for neglect: reporter must believe child has suffered a significant detrimental effect to physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.</p>
South Australia and Tasmania	<p>For physical abuse, psychological abuse, and neglect: reporter must believe child has suffered, or is likely to suffer, physical or psychological injury detrimental to the child's wellbeing or jeopardizing the child's physical or psychological development.</p> <p>Sexual abuse: no qualification; all suspected sexual abuse must be reported.</p>
Victoria	<p>Both physical and sexual abuse: child must be thought to have suffered or be likely to suffer 'significant' harm.</p>
Western Australia	None

Alabama	<p>“harm or threatened harm” to child’s health or welfare not further qualified; “negligent treatment or maltreatment” defined as including failure to provide “adequate” food, medical treatment, supervision, clothing, or shelter</p>
Alaska	<p>“harm or threatened harm” to child’s health or welfare; “mental injury” further defined as an injury to the emotional well-being, or intellectual or psychological capacity of a child, as evidenced by an “observable and substantial impairment in the child’s ability to function”; “neglect” defined as failure by a person responsible for the child’s welfare to provide “necessary” food, care, clothing, shelter, or medical attention</p>
Arizona	<p>“abuse” defined as the infliction or allowing of “physical injury, impairment of bodily function or disfigurement” or the infliction of or allowing another person to cause “serious emotional damage as evidenced by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or untoward aggressive behavior and which emotional damage is diagnosed by a medical doctor or psychologist”; “neglect” further defined as inability or unwillingness of a parent, guardian or custodian of a child to provide that child with supervision, food, clothing, shelter or medical care if that inability or unwillingness causes “substantial risk of harm” to the child’s health or welfare</p>
Arkansas	<p>“abuse” further defined broadly as including, among other things, any non-accidental physical injury; “neglect” further defined broadly as including failure or irremediable inability to provide for the “essential and necessary physical, mental, or emotional needs of the juvenile”; “emotional abuse” further defined as acts or omissions causing injury to a juvenile’s intellectual, emotional, or psychological development, as evidenced by “observable and substantial impairment” of the juvenile’s ability to function within the normal range of performance and behaviour</p>
California	<p>“abuse” further defined broadly as including non-accidental physical injury and willful harming of a child; “wilful harming of a child” further defined as including infliction of “unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering”; “neglect” defined generally as negligent</p>

treatment involving “harm or threatened harm” to the child’s welfare; “general neglect” further defined as negligent failure of a person having the care or custody of a child to provide “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision

Colorado “abuse” further defined broadly as including non-accidental physical injury which is effectively defined as “any case in which a child exhibits evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, failure to thrive, burns, fracture of any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue swelling, or death”; “emotional abuse” further defined as an identifiable and substantial impairment of the child’s intellectual or psychological functioning or development or a substantial risk of impairment of the child’s intellectual or psychological functioning or development; “neglect” further defined as failure to provide “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision

Connecticut “abuse” further defined as including non-accidental physical injury; “neglect” further defined as including the denial of “proper care and attention, physically, educationally, emotionally or morally” or permitted the child to live under conditions, circumstances or associations “injurious” to well-being

Delaware “abuse” further defined as including physical injury through “unjustified force”; “neglect” further defined as failure to provide the “proper or necessary” education as required by law; nutrition; or medical, surgical or any other care necessary for the child’s well-being

Dist Columbia “abuse” further defined as including “physical injury” meaning “bodily harm greater than transient pain or minor temporary marks” and “mental injury” meaning “harm to a child’s psychological or intellectual functioning, which may be exhibited by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or outwardly aggressive behavior, or a combination of those behaviors, and which may be demonstrated by a change in behavior, emotional response, or cognition”; “neglect” further defined as including the child being “without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary

for his or her physical, mental, or emotional health” and as including failure to provide “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, or medical care

Florida “abuse” further defined as any wilful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual injury or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child’s physical, mental, or emotional health to be “significantly impaired”; “neglect” further defined as a child being deprived of “necessary” food, clothing, shelter, or medical treatment, or being permitted to live in an environment when such deprivation or environment causes the child’s physical, mental, or emotional health to be “significantly impaired” or to be in danger of being significantly impaired

Georgia “harm or threatened harm to a child’s health or welfare”; further defined as including harm occurring or threatened through “non-accidental physical or mental injury”; “neglect” further defined as including harm to a child’s health or welfare through negligent treatment, including the failure to provide “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, or medical care

Hawaii “harm” to child’s physical or psychological health; “harm” effectively further defined as including non-accidental physical injury; and injury to the psychological capacity of a child evidenced by an “observable and substantial impairment” in the child’s ability to function; “neglect” effectively further defined as including situations where a child is not provided with “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, psychological care, physical care, medical care, or supervision

Idaho “abuse” further defined as any non-accidental “conduct or omission resulting in skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, burns, fracture of any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue swelling, failure to thrive or death”; “neglect” further defined as a child being without “proper” parental care and control, or subsistence, education, medical or other care or control necessary for well-being; “mental injury” further defined as a “substantial impairment” in the intellectual or psychological ability of a child to function within a normal range of performance and/or behavior, for short or long terms

Illinois	<p>“abuse” further defined as including non-accidental physical injury causing “death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function”; “neglected child” further defined as a child who is not receiving the “proper or necessary” nourishment or medically indicated treatment, or otherwise is not receiving the proper or necessary support or medical or other remedial care recognized by law as “necessary” for a child’s well-being, or other care necessary for well-being including “adequate” food, clothing and shelter</p>
Indiana	<p>“abuse” effectively further defined as occurring where the child’s physical or mental health is “seriously endangered” due to injury by the act or omission of the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian; “neglect” effectively further defined as the “inability, refusal, or neglect of parent, guardian, or custodian to supply a child with “necessary” food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education, or supervision causing the child’s physical or mental condition to be “seriously impaired or seriously endangered”</p>
Iowa	<p>“abuse” further defined as including non-accidental physical injury, and “mental injury” defined as “injury to a child’s intellectual or psychological capacity as evidenced by an observable and substantial impairment in the child’s ability to function” within normal range of performance and behavior as diagnosed by a licensed physician or qualified mental health professional; “neglect” effectively further defined as failure to provide “adequate” food, shelter, clothing or other care necessary for the child’s health and welfare</p>
Kansas	<p>“child has been injured as a result of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse”; “physical, mental or emotional abuse” relevantly defined as including the infliction of physical, mental or emotional injury or the causing of “a deterioration of a child” and may include maltreatment or exploiting a child to the extent that the child’s health or emotional well-being is “endangered”; “neglect” “ relevantly defined as acts or omissions resulting in harm to a child or presenting a likelihood of harm, which may include failure to provide the child with food, clothing or shelter “necessary to sustain the life or health of the child”, failure</p>

to provide “adequate” supervision of a child, or failure to use resources available to treat a diagnosed medical condition if such treatment will make a child substantially more comfortable, reduce pain and suffering, correct or substantially diminish a crippling condition from worsening

Kentucky “abused or neglected child” defined as one who whose health or welfare is harmed or threatened by by non-accidental physical or emotional injury, or neglect; “physical injury” further defined to mean “substantial physical pain or any impairment of physical condition” and “serious physical injury” further defined to mean physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious and prolonged disfigurement, prolonged impairment of health, or prolonged loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; “emotional injury” defined to mean an injury to the mental or psychological capacity or emotional stability of a child as evidenced by a “substantial and observable impairment” in the child’s ability to function within a normal range of performance and behavior with due regard to his age, development, culture, and environment as testified to by a qualified mental health professional; circumstance constituting neglect effectively further defined as including failure or refusal to provide “essential” parental care and protection for the child, or to provide the child with “adequate” care, supervision, food, clothing, shelter, and education or medical care necessary for the child’s well-being

Louisiana “abuse” further relevantly defined as including the infliction of physical or mental injury that “seriously endanger[s]” the physical, mental, or emotional health and safety of the child; “neglect” further defined as refusal or unreasonable failure of a parent or caretaker to supply the child with “necessary” food, clothing, shelter, care, treatment, or counseling for any injury, illness, or condition of the child, as a result of which the child’s physical, mental, or emotional health and safety is substantially threatened or impaired

Maine “abuse or neglect” defined as a threat to a child’s health or welfare by physical, mental or emotional injury or impairment, sexual abuse or exploitation, deprivation of essential needs or lack of protection from these

Maryland “abuse” defined as physical or mental injury of a child under circumstances that indicate the child’s health or welfare is harmed or at substantial risk of being harmed, and as sexual abuse of a child whether physical injuries are sustained or not; “mental injury” further relevantly defined as the “observable, identifiable, and substantial impairment” of a child’s mental or psychological ability to function; “neglect” further relevantly defined as the leaving of a child unattended or other failure to give “proper” care and attention to a child under circumstances that indicate the child’s health or welfare is harmed or placed at substantial risk of harm; or mental injury to the child or a substantial risk of mental injury.

Massachusetts “physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare including sexual abuse, or from neglect, including malnutrition”

Michigan “abuse” relevantly defined as harm or threatened harm to a child’s health or welfare occurring through non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment; “neglect” relevantly defined as harm or threatened harm to a child’s health or welfare occurring as a result of either negligent treatment, including failure to provide “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, or placing a child’s health or welfare at unreasonable risk by failing to intervene to eliminate that risk when the person is able to do so and has, or should have, knowledge of the risk

Minnesota “physical abuse” relevantly defined as any non-accidental physical injury, mental injury, or threatened injury; “neglect” relevantly defined as failure by a person responsible for a child’s care to supply a child with “necessary” food, clothing, shelter, health, medical, or other care required for the child’s physical or mental health when reasonably able to do so, and failure to protect a child from conditions or actions that seriously endanger the child’s physical or mental health when reasonably able to do so, and as emotional harm from a pattern of behavior which contributes to “impaired emotional functioning” of the child which may be demonstrated by a “substantial and observable effect” in the child’s behavior, emotional

response, or cognition that is not within the normal range for the child's age and stage of development, with due regard to the child's culture

Mississippi "abused child" relevantly defined as a child subjected to emotional abuse, mental injury, non-accidental physical injury or other maltreatment; "sexual abuse" relevantly defined as including various forms of sexual exploitation of children "under circumstances which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened"; "neglect" further relevantly defined as a parent's neglect or refusal, when able to provide, to provide the child "proper and necessary" care or support, or education as required by law, or medical, surgical, or other care necessary for his well-being, or where the child is without "proper care, custody, supervision or support", or lacks the care "necessary for his health, morals or well-being"

Missouri "abuse" relevantly defined as any non-accidental physical injury, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse; "neglect" further relevantly defined as failure to provide, by those responsible for the care, custody, and control of the child, the "proper or necessary" support, education as required by law, nutrition or medical, surgical, or any other care necessary for the child's well-being

Montana "physical abuse" relevantly defined as an intentional act, omission, or gross negligence resulting in "substantial skin bruising, internal bleeding, substantial injury to skin, subdural hematoma, burns, bone fractures, extreme pain, permanent or temporary disfigurement, impairment of any bodily organ or function, or death"; "physical neglect" relevantly defined as either failure to provide "basic" necessities, including "appropriate and adequate" nutrition, protective shelter from the elements, and appropriate clothing related to weather conditions, or failure to provide cleanliness and general supervision, or exposing or allowing the child to be exposed to an unreasonable physical or psychological risk; "psychological abuse or neglect" relevantly defined as "severe" maltreatment through acts or omissions that are injurious to the child's emotional, intellectual, or psychological capacity to function

Nebraska	<p>“child abuse or neglect” relevantly defined as the intentional or negligent placing of a child in a situation that “endangers his or her life or physical or mental health”, cruelly confines or punishes the child, or deprives the child of “necessary” food, clothing, shelter, or care</p>
Nevada	<p>“abuse or neglect” defined to include non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, or neglect; “physical injury” defined with inclusive examples but without limitation; “neglect” relevantly defined as occurring when a child is without “proper care, control and supervision” or lacking the subsistence, education, shelter, medical care or other care “necessary” for well-being</p>
New Hampshire	<p>“abused child” defined as one who has been intentionally or non-accidentally physically injured, or who has been sexually abused, or who has been psychologically injured; “sexual abuse” defined as existing where various named activities occur “under circumstances which indicate that the child’s health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm”;</p> <p>“psychologically injured” relevantly defined as where a child “exhibits symptoms of emotional problems generally recognized to result from consistent mistreatment or neglect”;</p> <p>“neglected child” relevantly defined as one without “proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his physical, mental, or emotional health, when it is established that his health has suffered or is very likely to suffer serious impairment”</p>
New Jersey	<p>“abused child” relevantly defined as including one who has suffered non-accidental physical injury (or the creation of the risk of such injury) “which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ”; also relevantly defined as “excessive corporal punishment or using excessive physical restraint” or by any other act of a similarly serious nature; “neglect” effectively defined as a child whose physical, mental, or emotional condition have been “impaired” or are in imminent danger of becoming impaired due to a parent’s failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, medical or surgical care</p>

- New Mexico “abused child” relevantly defined as including one who has suffered or who is at risk of suffering serious harm because of the action or inaction of the child’s parent, or who has suffered physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or psychological abuse, or whose parent has knowingly, intentionally or negligently placed the child in a situation that may endanger the child’s life or health, or whose parent has knowingly or intentionally tortured, cruelly confined or cruelly punished the child; “physical abuse” defined to include non-accidental injury, without limitation; “neglect” relevantly defined as a situation where a child is without “proper” parental care and control or subsistence, education, medical or other care or control necessary for well-being
- New York “abused child” relevantly defined as one whose parent inflicts or allows to be inflicted non-accidental physical injury (or who creates a risk of such injury) which causes or creates a substantial risk of death or “serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ”; “neglected child” relevantly defined as including one whose physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired due to the parent’s failure to exercise a minimum degree of care in supplying “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, education, medical or surgical care, or in providing the child with “proper” supervision or guardianship by unreasonably inflicting or allowing to be inflicted harm, or a substantial risk thereof, including the infliction of excessive corporal punishment
- North Carolina “abused child” relevantly defined as including one subjected to “a serious physical injury by other than accidental means” or who is subjected to the risk thereof, or who is subjected to cruel or grossly inappropriate procedures or cruel or grossly inappropriate devices to modify behaviour; “emotional injury” relevantly defined as “serious emotional damage” to the child as evidenced by “severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or aggressive behaviour toward himself or others”; “neglected child” relevantly defined as one who does not receive “proper” parental care, supervision, or discipline, or who is not provided “necessary” medical care or remedial care, or who lives in an environment “injurious” to the child’s welfare

North Dakota “abused child” relevantly defined as including one subjected to non-accidental “serious physical harm or traumatic abuse”; “harm” defined as “negative changes in a child’s health”; “neglected child” relevantly defined as one without “proper” parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for the child’s physical, mental, or emotional health, or morals, or without “proper” parental care, control, or education as required by law, or other care and control necessary for the child’s well-being

Ohio “abused child” relevantly defined as including the suffering of non-accidental physical or mental harm that harms or threatens to harm the child’s welfare; “neglected child” relevantly defined as including one lacking “adequate” parental care because of the faults or habits of the parents, or whose parents neglect or refuse to provide “proper or necessary subsistence, education, medical or surgical care or treatment, or other care necessary for the child’s health, morals, or well being”

Oklahoma “harm or threatened harm” from non-accidental physical or mental injury not further specifically defined; “neglect” relevantly defined as including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and supervision

Oregon “abuse” relevantly defined as including any non-accidental physical injury; “mental injury” relevantly defined as including “only observable and substantial impairment of the child’s mental or psychological ability to function caused by cruelty to the child, with due regard to the culture of the child”; “neglect” effectively relevantly defined as including the failure to provide “adequate” food, clothing, shelter or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child

Pennsylvania “abuse” relevantly defined as non-accidental “serious” physical injury (further defined as involving “severe pain” or the significant impairment of a child’s physical functioning either temporarily or permanently; non-accidental “serious” mental injury (further defined as requiring a diagnosed psychological condition); “neglect” effectively defined as “serious

physical neglect” by prolonged or repeated lack of supervision or the failure to provide essentials of life, including adequate medical care, which endangers a child’s life or development or impairs the child’s functioning

Rhode Island “abuse” relevantly defined to include harm or threatened harm to physical or mental health or welfare from the parent’s infliction of physical or mental injury; “mental injury” defined to include “a state of substantially diminished psychological or intellectual functioning” in relation to, but not limited to, such factors as: failure to thrive; ability to think or reason; control of aggressive or self-destructive impulses; acting-out or misbehavior, including incorrigibility, ungovernability, or habitual truancy; “neglect” effectively defined as including failure to supply the child with “adequate: food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, or with a minimum degree of care or proper supervision

South Carolina “child abuse or neglect”, or “harm” relevantly defined as occurring when a parent inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the child physical or mental injury; “physical injury” defined as “death or permanent or temporary disfigurement or impairment of any bodily organ or function” and “mental injury defined as “an injury to the intellectual, emotional, or psychological capacity or functioning of a child as evidenced by a discernible and substantial impairment of the child’s ability to function” as supported by medical opinion; “neglect” effectively defined as including parental failure to supply the child with “adequate” food, clothing, shelter, or education, supervision appropriate to the child’s age and development, or health care

South Dakota “abuse” relevantly defined as including emotional harm or mental injury as indicated by an injury to the child’s intellectual or psychological capacity evidenced by an “observable and substantial impairment” in the child’s ability to function within the child’s normal range of performance and behavior, with due regard to the child’s culture; no specific reference to physical abuse although the terms “mistreatment” and threatened “substantial harm” are used; “neglect” effectively defined as including lack of “proper” parental care or where the environment is “injurious to the child’s welfare”, or parental failure to provide “proper or

necessary” subsistence, supervision, education, medical care, or any other care necessary for the child’s health, guidance, or well-being

Tennessee “abuse” and “neglect” relevantly defined as existing when a child is suffering from, has sustained, or may be in immediate danger of suffering from or sustaining a “wound, injury, disability or physical or mental condition”; “mental injury” defined as an injury to the intellectual or psychological capacity of a child as evidenced by a “discernible and substantial impairment” in the child’s ability to function within the child’s normal range of performance and behavior, with due regard to the child’s culture

Texas “abuse” relevantly defined as including physical injury causing “substantial harm” to the child, or the genuine threat of substantial harm; and as including “mental or emotional injury” relevantly defined as injury that results in an “observable and material impairment” in the child’s growth, development, or psychological functioning; “neglect” relevantly defined as including failure to provide a child with food, clothing, or shelter “necessary to sustain the life or health of the child”, and failure to obtain medical care resulting in or presenting a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, or bodily injury or with the failure resulting in an observable and material impairment to the growth, development, or functioning of the child

Utah “abuse” relevantly defined as including actual or threatened non-accidental physical or mental harm; “physical harm” and “mental harm” not further defined; “neglect” relevantly defined as including lack of “proper” parental care by reason of the fault or habits of the parent, and failure or refusal of a parent to provide “proper or necessary” subsistence, education, or medical care, including surgery or psychiatric services when required, or any other care necessary for the child’s health, safety, morals, or well-being

Vermont “abused or neglected child” defined as one whose “physical health, psychological growth and development or welfare is harmed or is at substantial risk of harm by the acts or omissions of his or her parent”; “harm” defined as able to occur by physical injury or emotional maltreatment, or by “failure to supply the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter or health

care”; “physical injury” relevantly defined as non-accidental “death, or permanent or temporary disfigurement or impairment of any bodily organ or function”; “emotional maltreatment relevantly defined as “a pattern of malicious behavior which results in impaired psychological growth and development”

- Virginia “abused or neglected child” defined as one whose parents inflict non-accidental physical or mental injury; terms “physical or mental injury” not further defined; “neglect” effectively defined as including parental failure to provide care “necessary” for child’s health
- Washington “abuse or neglect” defined as harm to the child’s health, welfare, or safety; “neglect” effectively defined as “an act or a failure to act, or the cumulative effects of a pattern of conduct, behavior, or inaction, that evidences a serious disregard of consequences of such magnitude as to constitute a clear and present danger to a child’s health, welfare, or safety”
- West Virginia “abused child” defined as one whose health or welfare is harmed by physical injury or mental or emotional injury; “neglected child” defined as a child whose “physical or mental health is harmed or threatened” by a parent’s failure to supply the child with “necessary” food, clothing, shelter, supervision, medical care or education
- Wisconsin “abuse” defined as including non-accidental physical injury and “emotional damage” for which the child’s parent, has not obtained (for reasons other than poverty) necessary treatment or taken steps to ameliorate; “physical injury” defined as including non-exhaustively lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising or great bodily harm; “emotional damage” defined as “harm to a child’s psychological or intellectual functioning...evidenced by one or more of the following characteristics exhibited to a severe degree: anxiety; depression; withdrawal; outward aggressive behavior; or a substantial and observable change in behavior, emotional response or cognition that is not within the normal range for the child’s age and stage of development”; “neglect” defined as failure to provide “necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child”

Wyoming “abuse” defined as non-accidental physical or mental injury; “physical injury” defined as “any harm” with non-exhaustive examples listed; “mental injury” defined as “an injury to the psychological capacity or emotional stability of a child as evidenced by an observable or substantial impairment in his ability to function within a normal range of performance and behavior with due regard to his culture”; “neglect” defined as failure to provide “adequate” care, maintenance, supervision, education or medical, surgical or any other care necessary for the child’s well being

Past/present Abuse/neglect vs. Risk of Future Abuse/neglect

State Past/present abuse/neglect vs. risk of future abuse/neglect

Canada

Alberta	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical injury and sexual abuse; only past emotional injury and neglect
British Columbia	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical injury, sexual abuse, and physical injury resulting from neglect; only past emotional injury; generally only past neglect except where physical injury
Manitoba	past abuse and suspected risk of future abuse and neglect
New Brunswick	past abuse and neglect only
Newfoundland and Labrador	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical and sexual abuse; past emotional abuse and neglect only
Northwest Territories	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical and sexual abuse; past neglect only
Nova Scotia	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and physical injury resulting from neglect; generally only past neglect except where physical injury
Nunavut	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical, sexual and emotional abuse; generally only past neglect

Ontario	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical, sexual and emotional abuse; generally only past neglect
Prince Edward Island	past abuse and neglect and suspected “substantial risk” of future abuse or neglect
Quebec	arguably past acts/omissions only, but with harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future
Saskatchewan	arguably past acts/omissions only, but with harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future
Yukon Territory	past abuse and suspected risk of future physical and psychological abuse; arguably only past sexual abuse and arguably only past neglect

Australia

Australian Capital Territory	only past abuse
New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria	past abuse and suspected risk of future abuse
Western Australia	none

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Alabama	arguably past acts/omissions only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child is known or suspected to be a victim of child abuse or neglect”; “abuse” relevantly defined as “harm or threatened harm” to a child’s health or welfare through non-accidental physical or mental injury; “neglect” relevantly defined as existing neglect
Alaska	arguably past acts/omissions only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child has suffered harm as a result of abuse or

neglect”; “abuse or neglect” relevantly defined as injury or neglect of a child by a person under circumstances that indicate the child’s health or welfare is harmed or threatened thereby

Arizona	past abuse/neglect only: “is or has been subject to abuse”; “abuse” relevantly defined as the infliction or allowing of injury; “neglect” relevantly defined as existing neglect
Arkansas	arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child has been subjected to child maltreatment [abuse or neglect]...or has been observed being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in child maltreatment”
California	arguably past abuse/neglect only but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: wilful causing of harm or permitting the causing of harm to a child, or wilful causing or permitting the causing of the endangerment of the child’s health or person
Colorado	arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child has been subjected to abuse or neglect” or has been observed “being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect”; abuse and neglect relevantly defined as existing acts or omissions
Connecticut	past abuse/neglect and imminent risk of future serious harm: child “has been abused or neglected...or is placed at imminent risk of serious harm”
Delaware	past abuse/neglect only: knows or suspects child abuse or neglect; abuse relevantly defined as past injury only; neglect relevantly defined as past failure to provide specified levels of care
District of Columbia	past abuse/neglect and immediate risk of future abuse/neglect: “has been or is in immediate danger of being a mentally or physically abused or neglected child”
Florida	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse: “abuse” relevantly defined as “any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual injury or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child’s physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired”; “neglect” relevantly defined as existing neglect only but with child’s health either already impaired or threatened with impairment

Georgia	past abuse/neglect only: child “has been abused”; “abuse” and “neglect” relevantly defined as past abuse or neglect only
Hawaii	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: “reason to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred or that there exists a substantial risk that child abuse or neglect may occur in the reasonably foreseeable future”; “abuse” and “neglect” relevantly defined as acts or omissions that have resulted in the child’s health or welfare being harmed, or being subject to any reasonably foreseeable, substantial risk of being harmed
Idaho	arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: child has been abused or neglected, or has been observed being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect; abuse and neglect relevantly defined as existing acts or omissions
Illinois	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse, with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: reasonable cause to believe a child “may be an abused or neglected child”; “abused child” relevantly defined as a child whose parent has inflicted physical injury (which affects physical or emotional health) or has created a substantial risk of physical injury which would be likely to affect physical or emotional health; “neglected child” relevantly defined as existing neglect
Indiana	past abuse/neglect only: “child is a victim of child abuse or neglect”; “abuse” relevantly defined as the child’s physical or mental health being seriously endangered due to injury by an act or omission; “neglect” relevantly defined as the child’s physical or mental condition being seriously impaired or seriously endangered by neglect; in both cases the child must require care or treatment that is not being received and is unlikely to be provided or accepted without court intervention
Iowa	past abuse/neglect only: “child has suffered abuse”; abuse and neglect relevantly defined as past abuse or neglect only
Kansas	arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child has been injured as a result of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse”; “physical, mental or emotional

	abuse” relevantly defined as including “the infliction of physical, mental or emotional injury or the causing of a deterioration of a child and may include...maltreatment or exploiting a child to the extent that the child’s health or emotional well-being is endangered”; “neglect” “ relevantly defined as acts or omissions resulting in harm to a child or presenting a likelihood of harm
Kentucky	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse (but arguably not of future neglect), but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child is neglected or abused”; “abused or neglected” relevantly defined as including harm or threatened harm by physical or emotional injury, and the creation of a risk of physical or emotional injury by other than accidental means
Louisiana	arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child’s physical or mental health or welfare is endangered as a result of abuse or neglect”; “abuse” and “neglect” relevantly defined as past acts and omissions only
Maine	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: “child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected”; “abuse or neglect” relevantly defined as “a threat to a child’s health or welfare”
Maryland	past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child has been subjected” to abuse or neglect; “abuse” relevantly defined as “physical or mental injury of a child...under circumstances that indicate that the child’s health or welfare is harmed or at substantial risk of being harmed”; “neglect” relevantly defined as past neglect only
Massachusetts	past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: child “is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare”
Michigan	past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect”; “abuse” relevantly defined as “harm or threatened harm to a child’s health or welfare that occurs through non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse...or

maltreatment”; “neglect” relevantly defined as “harm or threatened harm to a child’s health or welfare” that occurs through negligent treatment or placing a child at unreasonable risk to the child’s health or welfare by failure of the parent...to intervene to eliminate that risk”

Minnesota past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse (but arguably not of future neglect): “child is being neglected or physically or sexually abused...or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused within the preceding three years; “physical abuse” relevantly defined as “any physical injury, mental injury, or threatened injury, inflicted by a person...other than by accidental means”; “neglect” relevantly defined as failure to provide necessary care or failure to protect a child from circumstances that seriously endanger the child’s health

Mississippi past abuse/neglect only: “child is a neglected child or an abused child”; “abused child” relevantly defined as one whose parent “has caused or *allowed* to be caused” abuse or maltreatment; “neglected child” relevantly defined as one whose parent neglects or refuse to provide necessary care

Missouri past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: “child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect” or has been observed “being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect”; abuse and neglect relevantly defined as existing acts or omissions

Montana past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: “child is abused or neglected”; “child abuse or neglect” relevantly defined as “actual physical or psychological harm” or “substantial risk of physical or psychological harm”

Nebraska arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: “child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect” or has been observed “being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in child abuse or neglect”; “child abuse or neglect” relevantly defined as causing or permitting a child to be placed in a situation that endangers life or physical or mental health

Nevada past abuse/neglect only: “child has been abused or neglected”; “abuse” and “neglect” relevantly defined as past acts and omissions only

New Hampshire	past abuse/neglect only: “child has been abused or neglected”; “abused child” relevantly defined as past abuse/injury only; “neglected child” relevantly defined as past neglect only
New Jersey	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse (but arguably not of future neglect): “child has been subjected to child abuse or acts of child abuse”; “abused child” relevantly defined as one whose parent has inflicted or <i>allowed</i> to be inflicted physical injury, or whose parent creates or allows to be created a substantial or ongoing risk of physical injury to the child; “neglect” indicated by the impairment or the imminent danger of impairment of a child’s physical, mental or emotional condition as a result of the parent’s failure to provide necessary care
New Mexico	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: “child is an abused or a neglected child”; “abused child” relevantly defined as a child “who has suffered or is at risk of suffering serious harm because of the action or inaction of the child’s parent”
New York	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: “child is an abused or maltreated child”; “abused child” relevantly defined as a child whose parent inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the child physical injury, or creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury to the child; “neglected child” relevantly defined as a child whose physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as a result of the parent’s failure to provide necessary care
North Carolina	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse (but arguably not of future neglect): “juvenile is abused [or] neglected”; “abused juvenile” relevantly defined as one whose parent inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the juvenile a serious physical injury, or creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of serious physical injury to the juvenile’ “neglected juvenile” relevantly defined as one who does not receive proper care
North Dakota	past abuse/neglect only: “child is abused or neglected”; “abused” and “neglected” relevantly defined as past abuse and neglect only (“abused child” defined as “an individual...who is suffering from serious physical harm or traumatic abuse”; “neglected child” defined as one without proper parental care and control)

Ohio	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: child “has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury...or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect”
Oklahoma	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: child “is a victim of abuse or neglect”; “abuse” relevantly defined as harm or threatened harm to a child’s health, safety or welfare, with this harm including but not limited to physical injury, mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, and neglect; “neglect” relevantly defined as failure to provide adequate care
Oregon	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: child “has suffered abuse”; “abuse” relevantly defined as including physical injury and “threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare”
Pennsylvania	past abuse/neglect and risk of future physical or sexual abuse: child “is an abused child”; “child abuse” relevantly defined as including the infliction of injury and an act or omission “which creates an imminent risk of serious physical injury to or sexual abuse or sexual exploitation” of a child, and as including serious physical neglect
Rhode Island	past abuse/neglect and risk of future physical or mental injury (but arguably not risk of future sexual abuse or neglect): child “has been abused or neglected”; “abused and/or neglected child” relevantly defined as “a child whose physical or mental health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm” when a parent inflicts or allows to be inflicted physical or mental injury, or creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical or mental injury, or commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse, or fails to provide the child with adequate care
South Carolina	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: designated person “has received information which gives the person reason to believe that a child has been or may be abused or neglected”; “abuse or neglect” relevantly defined as inflicting or allowing the inflicting of physical or mental injury, or engaging in acts or omissions which present a substantial risk of injury

South Dakota	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: child “has been abused or neglected”; “abused or neglected child” relevantly defined as including a child “who is threatened with substantial harm”
Tennessee	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: “abuse” and “neglect” relevantly defined as existing when a child is suffering from, has sustained, or may be in immediate danger of suffering from or sustaining a wound, injury, disability or physical or mental condition caused by brutality, neglect or other actions or inactions of a parent, relative, guardian or caretaker
Texas	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: child “has been abused or neglected or may be abused or neglected”;
Utah	arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: reason to believe child “has been subjected to” abuse or neglect, or child has been observed “being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in” abuse or neglect; “abuse” relevantly defined as meaning “actual or threatened physical or mental harm”
Vermont	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: child “has been abused or neglected”; “abused or neglected child” relevantly defined as a child whose welfare “is harmed or is at substantial risk of harm”
Virginia	past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: child “is an abused or neglected child”; “abused or neglected child” relevantly defined as one whose parent “creates or inflicts, or threatens to create or inflict, or allows to be created or inflicted” on the child “a physical or mental injury”, “or creates a substantial risk” of injury
Washington	past abuse/neglect only: child “has suffered abuse or neglect”; “abuse or neglect” relevantly defined as past abuse or neglect only
West Virginia	arguably past abuse/neglect only, but with actual harm either suspected to be already present or threatened in future: reason to believe child “is neglected or abused”, or child has been observed “being subjected to conditions that are likely to result in abuse or neglect”; “abused child” relevantly defined as one whose welfare is “harmed or threatened” by a parent inflicting or attempting to inflict injury on the child, and

“neglected child” relevantly defined as one whose health is harmed or threatened by a parent’s present failure to provide necessary care

Wisconsin

past abuse/neglect and risk of future abuse/neglect: reasonable cause to suspect child “has been abused or neglected” or “has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur”

Wyoming

arguably past abuse/neglect, risk of future abuse, and partial risk of future neglect: child “has been abused or neglected”, or child has been observed “being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect”; “abuse” relevantly defined as causing injury or imminent danger to a child’s health or welfare, including by malnutrition or substantial risk of malnutrition by neglect; “neglect” relevantly defined as past neglect

***Countries indicating the presence of legislative or
policy-based reporting duties***

Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Egypt, England, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United States of America, Zambia

Countries indicating the presence of voluntary reporting

Cameroon, China, Germany, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Saint Lucia, Scotland, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Togo

Australian Legislation

Australian Capital Territory	Children and Young People Act 1999 ss 151, 151A, 156, 159
New South Wales	Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 ss 23, 27
Northern Territory	Community Welfare Act 1983 ss 4, 13, 14
Queensland	Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 ss 365, 366; Public Health Act 2005 ss 158, 191; Child Protection Act 1999 s 148
South Australia	Children's Protection Act 1993 ss 6, 10, 11
Tasmania	Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997 ss 3, 4, 14
Victoria	Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 ss 162, 182, 184
Western Australia	Children and Community Services Act 2004 ss 3, 28, 37, 40

Canadian Legislation

Alberta	Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act 2000 ss 1, 4
British Columbia	Children, Family and Community Service Act ss 13, 14
Manitoba	Child and Family Services Act 1985 ss 1, 17, 18
New Brunswick	Family Services Act 1980 ss 30, 31
Newfoundland and Labrador	Child, Youth and Family Services Act 1998 ss 2, 14, 15
Northwest Territories	Child and Family Services Act ss 1, 7, 8
Nova Scotia	Children and Family Services Act 1990 ss 22, 23, 24, 25
Nunavut	Child and Family Services Act ss 1, 7, 8
Ontario	Child and Family Services Act 1990 s 72
Prince Edward Island	Child Protection Act ss 1, 3, 22
Quebec	Youth Protection Act ss 38, 39
Saskatchewan	Child and Family Services Act 1989-90 ss 11, 12
Yukon Territory	Child Care Act s 37; Children's Act ss 117, 118; Education Act ss 168-169

United States Legislation

Alabama	Ala Code 26-14-3; 26-14-1
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Alaska	Alaska Stat 47.17.020; 47.17.290; 47.17.024
Arizona	Ariz Rev Stat 13-3620; 13-3623
Arkansas	Ark Stat Ann 12-12-507; 12-12-503; 12-12-503(12)(B)(i); 12-12-503(2A)(vii)(g)
California	Cal Penal Code 11165.7; 11165.1-11165.6, 11165.13
Colorado	Colo Rev Stat 19-3-304; 19-3-103; 19-1-103(1)(a)(VII); 19-1-103(1)(a)(VI)
Connecticut	Conn Gen Stat 17a-101; 17a-101a and 46b-120
Delaware	Del Code Ann Title 16 Chapter 9 § 903; § 902
District of Columbia	D.C. Code Ann 4-1321.02; 16-2301; 16-2301(9); 16-2301(9A)(ix) and (x)
Florida	Fla Stat Ann Title V, 39.201; 39.01, 39.01(31)(g); 39.01(31)(a)(2) and (g)
Georgia	Ga Code Ann 19-7-5 and 16-12-100; 19-7-5(b)
Hawaii	Haw Rev Stat Volume 7, Chapter 350 - 350-1.1; §350-1; 587-0089; 350-1(5)
Idaho	Idaho Code 16-1605; 16-1602
Illinois	Ill Compiled Statutes Ch 325 – s 4; s 3; s 3(g)
Indiana	Ind Code Ann 31-33-5-1 and 31-33-5-2; 31-34-1-1 to 31-34-1-11; 31-34-1-2 s 2(b)
Iowa	Iowa Code Ann 232.69; 232.68; 232.77; 232.68(2)(f) and (g)
Kansas	Kan Stat Ann 38-2202; 38-2223
Kentucky	Ky Rev Stat Ann Title LI, Chapter 620 - 620.030; 600.020; 214.160; 600.020(1)(c)
Louisiana	La Stat Ann arts 609 and 603(13); art 603; art 603(16.1)
Maine	Me Rev Stat Ann Title 22 Chapter 1071 § 4011-A; 4002; 4011B
Maryland	Md Fam Code Ann 5-704, 5-705; 5-701; Courts and Judicial Proceedings Act 3-818
Massachusetts	Mass Gen Laws Ann Ch 119 Section 51A
Michigan	Mich Comp Laws 722.623; 722.622; 722.623a
Minnesota	Minn Stat Ann 626.556 Subdiv 3; 626.556 Subdiv 2, 253B.02; 626.556 Subdiv 2(f)(8) and (g)(8)
Mississippi	Miss Code Ann 43-21-353; 43-21-105
Missouri	Mo Ann Stat 210.115; 210.110
Montana	Mont Code Ann 41-3-201; 41-3-102; 41-3-102(7)(b)(i)(B)
Nebraska	Rev Stat Neb 28-711; 28-710
Nevada	Nev Rev Stat 432B.220; 432B.020, 432B.090, 432B.100, 432B.110, 432B.140
New Hampshire	NH Rev Stat Ann Title XII, Chapter 169-C 169-C:29; 169-C:3

New Jersey	NJ Rev Stat Ann 9:6-8.10; 9:6-8.9, 9:6-1
New Mexico	NM Stat Ann 32A-4-3; 32A-4-2
New York	NY Social Services Laws Article 6 Title 6 – 413; Title 1 – 371 (4)(a) and (4)(b)
North Carolina	NC Gen Stat 7B-301; 7B-101
North Dakota	N.D. Cent. Code 50-25.1-03; 50-25.1-02 and 27.20; 50-25.1-16; 50-25.1-17; 27-20(8)(g)
Ohio	Ohio Rev Code Ann Title 21 2151.421; 2151.031 and 2151.03
Oklahoma	Okla Stat Ann Title 10 Chapter 71 – 7103; 7102
Oregon	Or Rev Stat 419B.010 and 419B.005(3); 419B.005; 419B.005(1)(a)(I) and (J)
Pennsylvania	Pa Stat Ann Title 23 Chapter 63 – 6311; 6303
Rhode Island	RI Gen Laws 40-11-6 and 40-11-3; 40-11-2; 40-11-2(1)(v)
South Carolina	S.C. Code Ann 20-7-510; 20-7-490; 20-7-736G
South Dakota	S.D. Codified Laws Ann 26-8A-3; 26-8A-2; 26-8A-2(10)
Tennessee	Tenn Code Ann 37-1-403 and 37-1-605; 37-1-102 and 37-1-602
Texas	Tex Fam Code Ann 261.101; 261.001; 261.001(1)(I) and (J)
Utah	Utah Code Ann 62A-4a-403; 62A-4a-101; 62A-4a-404
Vermont	Vt Stat Ann Title 33 – Chapter 49 – 4913; 4912
Virginia	Va Code Ann 63.2-1509A; 63.2-100; 63.2-1509B; 63.2-100(1)
Washington	Wash Rev Code Ann 26.44.030; 26.44.020
West Virginia	W. Va. Code 49-6A-2; 49-1-3
Wisconsin	Wisc Stat Ann 48.981; 48.02 and 48.981(1)(d); 48.02(1)(am)
Wyoming	Wyo Stat 14-3-205; 14-3-202(a)