

# Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

## Responsibility to Report

Any person employed by a public or private institution of higher education (i.e. every PVCC employee) is required by law to report suspected instances of child abuse and neglect ([§63.2-1509 of the Code of Virginia](#)).

The law protects good faith reporters from liability, as outlined in the [Responsibilities of Mandated Reporters.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#). You can make reports to the local Social Services Department or to the Department of Social Services (DSS) toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline at 1.800.552.7096 or via the [Virginia Child Protective Services Reporter Portal](#).

## Mandated Reporter Portal

The Virginia Department of Social Services has a secure website that allows Virginia-mandated reporters to expedite the submission of non-emergency reports of suspected child abuse or neglect directly to the Commonwealth hotline.

Report Child Abuse and Neglect at the [Virginia Child Protective Services Reporter Portal](#).

Read about your responsibilities as a Mandated Reporter in the [Responsibilities of Mandated Reporters.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#).

If you have questions about a particular situation or your personal responsibility, please contact Kim Van Savage ([kvansavage@pvcc.edu](mailto:kvansavage@pvcc.edu) or 434.961.5245), Associate Vice President for Human Resources.