

Basics of CFSD/Mandatory Reporting

Because of regular, day-to-day contact with children, teachers are often the primary source of information, either by observation of out-of-character behaviors, questionable marks or injuries, or even direct statements from the children themselves. What do you do with this information; how do you make sure this child gets what he or she? As an educator, you are by law a mandatory reporter. Today we hope to focus on the process of how to report and what happens thereafter. We will also explain the goal and function of Child and Family Services with regard to insuring that the child is safe and the family as a whole is as strong a unit as possible.