Child Abuse

**POLICY/APPROACH:**

SOHS/EHS employees are subject to Oregon’s Mandatory Reporting Law. According to the law, any employees having reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the official comes in contact has suffered abuse, or that any person with whom the official comes in contact has abused a child shall report or cause a report to be made. The report is a request for an assessment into the condition of a child. Parents are informed of the agency’s child abuse policy at orientation, and in the parent handbook or calendar.

All staff hired receives annual training on agency child abuse policy and procedures. Policy Council and the Board of Directors receive training during their orientation.

An Interagency agreement between SOCFC and DHS Child Welfare is updated annually and details the approaches and processes mutually agreed upon between the two agencies in support of the law and its implementation.

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**PROCEDURES:**

See Interagency agreement.

See Child Abuse Report form.