

CHILD ABUSE

- Family Protective Services aka CPS
(Child Protective Services) 1-877-881-1116
- Physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect are all reportable. Emotional abuse is an optional report as is exposure to domestic violence.
- Downloading, possessing or transmitting child pornography constitutes sexual exploitation of a minor and requires a mandated report.
- Failure to provide medical care constitutes neglect and would require a report. Failure to provide shelter (homelessness) does not, on its own, constitute neglect.
- Kidnapping is not a CPS issue. It is a legal issue. CALL THE POLICE or have the parent, etc. do so.

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Overview

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Child Abuse cases are prosecuted by the Sexual Assault Unit. The unit handles the felony prosecution of physical abuse and child endangerment by adult offenders against minor children. The unit also handles all felony physical abuse cases against minors.

Prosecution

The prosecution of these cases begins after a police investigation is completed. The police agency then presents this unit with the results of that investigation in the form of police reports. At this time charging decisions are made.

The unit is a vertical prosecution unit, which means one Deputy District Attorney is assigned to the case from the beginning to the end. This enables more effective prosecution as the prosecutor has an in-depth knowledge of the case. In addition, this allows for a better relationship between the victim and the prosecutor.

Confidentiality

The unit makes every effort to respect confidentiality requests of victims, and to deal with these cases in as sensitive and respectful a manner as possible.