Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse

Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania

The University of Pittsburgh provides a free three-hour online course on the recognition of child abuse, the obligation or opportunity to report child abuse, and the procedures for making a report of child abuse.

The course is approved for three continuing education credit hours and has been approved by the PA Department of Human Services and Department of State to meet mandated reporting training requirements. The course meets credit requirements for Act 126 (Section 1205.6 of the Public School Code, signed into law on July 5, 2012 re: child abuse recognition and reporting).

The overall learning objectives are for the participant to:

- √ Identify the infrastructure for protecting children from abuse in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
- √ Identify the expanded legal definition of Child Abuse according to Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law;
- √ Recognize potential indicators of child abuse;
- √ Determine when to report suspected child abuse;
- √ Describe the roles, rights, and responsibilities of mandated and permissive reporters of suspected child abuse;
- √ Recognize the process that follows after a report is made;
- √ Self-identify as a mandated or permissive reporter; and
- √ Follow the process for reporting suspected child abuse.

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This training is free of charge and is a requirement for employment under Act 126 and needs to be completed every 5 years. You will need to register at the link below before actually completing this free online training. *Make sure that if you don't finish this all at once that you save your work before logging off.* Once you are finished you need to save your work and print your certificate which needs to be turned into the HR office.

How to Access the Online Training:

1. Go to www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu (If you have not previously registered, please click the "Registration" link at the top of page).

2. Enter your username and password to log on.