

# Child Maltreatment Reporting

Parents, you play a key role in ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of children. Please know that all individuals working with children in a childcare program are mandated to report suspected child abuse or neglect. But, there may be a time as a parent, you might find yourself in the position of needing to make a report regarding the safety and well-being of a child in the care of the Child Development Center (CDC), School Age Care (SAC), Youth Center (YC) or other base programs or activities.

## How to report child abuse

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*If you witness or suspect an incident of child maltreatment, please make a report to the **McConnell AFB Family Advocacy Program (FAP) at 795-5768.** Additionally, we request that you also make a report to the **Department of Children and Families (Child Protective Services) at 1-800-922-5330.***

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You will be asked for identifying information about the child, adults involved and the specific information about the nature of your concern. Your information as a reporting party is never disclosed. You may also file an anonymous report.

## After the report

If the case is found to meet the criteria for child abuse or neglect, treatment to promote family functioning and prevent further abuse or neglect may be recommended.

If the case does not meet criteria but the family is under stress, services including parent education or counseling may be offered to support the family and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect.

To protect the privacy of all those involved, an individual making the report will NOT know the outcome of a referral but can have confidence that reporting is the right thing to do when the safety of a child is in question.

