

Community Supervision Standards Kansas Department of Corrections- Division of Juvenile Services State of Kansas	CHAPTER: DOCUMENTATION, REPORTING AND RECORDS	STANDARD NO. CSS-03-105
	SUBJECT: MANDATORY REPORTING	PAGE: 1 of 1
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STANDARD: Written policy, procedure and practice shall provide for the reporting of all instances of suspected child abuse/and or neglect in accordance with state and federal requirements. This includes suspected cases of physical, mental, emotional or sexual abuse.

Child abuse and/or neglect reports shall be made regardless of where the abuse occurred. Reports of suspected child abuse shall be to any Division for Children and Families (DCF) office or to the Kansas Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-5330 or online at <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/pps/Pages/KIPS/KIPSWebIntake.aspx>. The identity of the mandatory reporter is held confidential, although exceptions do apply under law. The Community Supervision Agency shall not conduct an investigation of any allegation of suspected abuse. The child protection investigator shall be responsible for all investigations. This shall not prevent the Community Supervision Agency from conducting an internal investigation involving employee misconduct.

K.S.A. 38-2223(e) provides it is not a defense to a charge of failure to report that another mandatory reporter made a report. Because failure to report is a class B misdemeanor, all allegations of abuse/neglect should be reported by Community Supervision Agency staff regardless of whether or not the allegation was previously reported.

DISCUSSION: None.

NOTE: The standards and procedures set forth herein are intended to establish operational guidelines for community supervision agencies operating through the board of county commissioners and their employees/contractors and the juvenile offenders under supervision. They are not intended to establish state created liberty interests for community supervision agencies, or the board of county commissioners, or their employees/contractors, or juvenile offenders, or an independent duty owed by the Kansas Department of Corrections- Division of Juvenile Services to community supervision agencies operating through the board of county commissioners or their employees/contractors, supervised juvenile offenders or third parties. This standard and procedure is not intended to establish or create new constitutional rights or to enlarge or expand upon existing constitutional rights or duties.