

Other Services We Offer

- ◆ Kinship services for relatives and non-relatives who have custody or placement of children
- ◆ Child abuse and neglect training for educators and daycare providers
- ◆ Community education and awareness regarding child abuse and neglect



To Report Suspected
Child Abuse and/or
Neglect Call:

440-998-1811

24 hrs. / 7 days per week

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30



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Child Abuse is Preventable



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Our Mission

To assure that children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected and nurtured within a family and with the support of our community

What We Do

- ◆ We are mandated by law to investigate alleged incidents of child abuse and neglect
- ◆ We provide substitute care for children when it becomes unsafe for them to remain in their own homes
- ◆ We assist families to help them safely maintain their children in their homes or to help them reduce safety concerns so that their children can return to their homes
- ◆ We provide foster care and adoption services to families who wish to become licensed foster and /or adoptive parents
- ◆ We finalize adoptions for children who cannot return to their biological parents

What To Do If You Suspect Child Abuse and Neglect

- ◆ Referrals should be made to Children Services if you *SUSPECT* a child is being abused or neglected—you do not need proof, your suspicion is enough
- ◆ Call 440-998-1811 to report your concerns; a Screening Caseworker will listen to your concerns and gather information to determine if there is a safety risk—we follow state guidelines when making this determination
- ◆ In most cases where intervention is necessary, children are able to safely remain in their own homes; however, when alternative living arrangements must be made to keep a child safe, relatives are always considered before placements are made in foster homes

IF YOU FEEL A CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911

FAQ

Do I have to give my name when I make a report? No. You DO NOT have to give us your name; we are NOT permitted to give your name to the family you are calling about. However, we are mandated to tell the family what the concerns are about and depending on the circumstances, it may be possible for them to figure out who made the report.

If a child is removed from their home, do they ever get to go back? Yes. In most cases, children are able to return home. Services are offered to families to assist them in reducing safety concerns so that their children can be returned as quickly as possible.

Do we have enough Foster Homes in Ashtabula County? No. We always need more foster homes. When it is necessary for a child to be placed in foster care, we carefully consider the needs of the child and match them with the strengths of the family—each child and each family are unique so the more families we have to work with the better!

Is it difficult to become a foster or adoptive parent? No, but there is a process to becoming licensed. Prospective parents must complete training and have an approved home study and criminal background check. Contact us for additional information