

# Recognizing Types of Abuse/Neglect and Your Role as a Mandatory Reporter

## Background Notes

As an employee of DHS Child Welfare, you are a mandatory reporter of child abuse and neglect, as well as a mandatory reporter of abuse of seniors and people with disabilities, people in nursing homes, or people with mental health issues. You are now obligated to make a report if you have reasonable cause to believe that a child or any of the above mentioned populations are being abused and/or neglected. Reporting child abuse is your duty, both on and off the job. It is important to be able to recognize the signs of abuse and neglect. This assignment will focus on children.

## Tasks / Assignments:

- Ask your supervisor if your branch has a copy of the DVD entitled, "The Role of Mandatory Reporters in Child Abuse Cases, A video guide for Oregon Mandatory Reporters" that is available for you to watch.
- Read the Pamphlet entitled, "What You Can Do About Child Abuse"

## Discoveries:

- *What did you learn about your role as a mandatory reporter? What did you learn about the various categories of abuse/neglect?*

