

## **Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect**

*Instructors are mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect.*

If you have reasonable cause to suspect that a student, under the age of 18, has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or if you observe a student being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, you are mandated to immediately report to the Children's Division. Reports are to be made immediately to the 24 hour, 7 day a week Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline telephone number (1-800-392-3738) maintained by Children's Division. Additionally, timely notification to the Career Center Assistant Director or Counselor is required for the protection of the student and to minimize potential instructor liability. Career Center administrators can assist you, if needed, in reporting to the Hotline and will then provide appropriate follow-up and support to the distressed student. For additional information about the instructor's duty to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect, you may contact Assistant Director Kelsey Brabo or Counselors Jeremy Wilson or Marcus Clark. To view the Missouri Children's Division "Guidelines for Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect" go to [http://dss.mo.gov/cd/pdf/guidelines\\_can\\_reports.pdf](http://dss.mo.gov/cd/pdf/guidelines_can_reports.pdf).

Below is a copy of the email sent to all Career Center instructors in August, for reference:

All,

Welcome to our newcomers and welcome back to our returning instructors. As you may be aware, you will have high school aged students in your classrooms in a few weeks. This requires you to complete an annual training surrounding mandated reporting.