

What are the Steps for the Mandatory Reporting of Possible Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (ANE)?

- Call the Kansas Protection Report Center (PRC) hotline, if you suspect a child is being abused or neglected in Kansas
 - Cell phone users should call **785-296-0044**
 - If calling in Kansas but outside of Topeka, call **(800) 922-5330**
 - If calling in Topeka or outside of Kansas, call **(785) 296-2561/0044**
- If the child has a disability, call the CDDO after the hotline call
- PRC phone lines are staffed 24 hrs. a day/7 days a week
- All calls must be made within 24 hours of the incident!
- Every call is taken seriously & every effort will be made to protect your identity. In an emergency, call 911 or local law enforcement.
- If the child has a disability and also receives waiver services of some type, contact the appropriate SRS Performance Improvement staff person--Check interactive maps or the table for the Performance Improvement Coordinator for the region the child lives in (see below):
 - MR/DD
http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/css/pdf/Regional_Map_DD_QA_PI.pdf
 - PD/TBI/TA
http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/css/pdf/Regional_Map_DD_QA_PD.pdf
 - Mental Health
http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/MHSIP/pdf/MH_PI_QA_sups_directory.pdf
- If it is known that the child is on the MR/DD waiver, the CDDO would also like to know about the report.
<http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/css/CDDOMap.htm>
- **Information About What Happens:** When a report of abuse or neglect is made to SRS, an Initial Assessment is completed to determine if SRS should become involved. If the report meets the criteria for SRS involvement, it is investigated by a social worker or special investigator. Law enforcement may also investigate if a social worker is not available or a joint investigation is warranted.
- If it is determined that a child's safety is at risk, then a recommendation is made by SRS or law enforcement to the court regarding the necessary action that should be taken. The court is ultimately responsible for the decision to remove a child from the home. This may require placing the child in foster care or with a relative. When making a recommendation to remove a child, SRS must weigh the emotional harm of being removed from the home, with the likelihood of harm if the child remains in the home.
- Child Protective Services (CPS) may also be provided in non-abuse or neglect situations, without proper parental care and control, truancy, and runaways. Investigations often result in families being referred to services such as family preservation, foster care, or other services available in the community.