

(b) "Abuse" means:

(1) the physical or mental injury of a child by any parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a child, or by any household or family member, under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or at substantial risk of being harmed; or

(2) sexual abuse of a child, whether physical injuries are sustained or not.

(e) "Child" means any individual under the age of 18 years.

(o) "Local department" means the department of social services that has jurisdiction in the county:

(1) where the allegedly abused or neglected child lives; or

(2) if different, where the abuse or neglect is alleged to have taken place.

(r) "Neglect" means the leaving of a child unattended or other failure to give proper care and attention to a child by any parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of the child under circumstances that indicate:

(1) that the child's health or welfare is harmed or placed at substantial risk of harm; or

(2) mental injury to the child or a substantial risk of mental injury.

(u) "Report" means an allegation of abuse or neglect, made or received under this subtitle.

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(A) The provisions of this subtitle are in addition to and not in substitution for the provisions of Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN § 5-705.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY ONLY TO:

(1) SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS STATE; AND

(2) SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD WHO LIVES IN THIS STATE, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED.

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(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any law on privileged communications, each health practitioner, police officer, educator, or human service worker, acting in a professional capacity IN THIS STATE: