**MANDATED REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT**

**POLICY:**

In accordance with Anchor Family Services' guidelines and Texas State Laws, all Anchor Family Services' caregivers have the responsibility to report any incident of suspected or actual child abuse or neglect to the appropriate State Agency (DFPS Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at www.txabusehotline.org) AND to the immediate Anchor Family Services' Supervisor or next available Management Staff.

**Anchor Family Services does not condone or tolerate physical or emotional abuse or neglect. Any caregiver found guilty of such abuse or neglect, will have their home verification revoked.**

**PROCEDURE:**

In the event that a caregiver witnesses or has any eason to suspect that a child in our care is a victim of abuse or neglect, the caregiver is to immediately report the incident to the appropriate State Agency (DFPS Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at www.txabusehotline.org) AND to their Anchor Family Services' Supervisor or next available Management Staff.

**Please be advised according to the Texas State Law, a person who knowingly makes a false report, commits an offense punishable as a State Jail Felony.**

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**I have receive a copy of this policy and I understand my responsibility as outlined herein.**

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