

# Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Recognition, and Reporting

## TRAINING DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE



[KRS 156.095](#) requires the Kentucky Department of Education to maintain a list of approved, comprehensive, evidence-informed trainings on child abuse and neglect prevention, recognition and reporting that encompass child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect. The trainings shall be web-based or in-person.

Minimum Requirements:

1. Recognizing child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect;
2. Reporting suspected child abuse and neglect in Kentucky as required by [KRS 620.030](#) and the appropriate documentation;
3. Responding to the child; and
4. Understanding the response of child protective services.

### Training Requirements

Content must reflect KY statute/regulation and include research-based information from recognized expert health care organizations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The trainings must include a questionnaire or other assessment tool upon completion to document basic knowledge of training components.

- 1. Recognizing child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect as required by [KRS 600.020](#), [KRS 222.005](#) and [KRS 529.010](#), including:**
  - a. Physical abuse: basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
  - b. Sexual abuse: basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
  - c. Emotional abuse: basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
  - d. Neglect: basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
  - e. Human trafficking: basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators
- 2. Reporting suspected child abuse/neglect as required by [KRS 620.030\(1\)](#), [\(2\)](#), and [\(6\)](#); and [KRS 620.050\(1\)](#) and [\(11\)](#), including:**
  - a. Mandatory reporting
    - Reasonable suspicion ([KRS 620.030\(1\)](#))
    - Failure to report ([KRS 620.030\(6\)](#))
  - b. Mandatory reporters ([KRS 620.030\(2\)](#))
  - c. Legal protection
    - Good faith immunity ([KRS 620.050\(1\)](#))
    - Confidentiality ([KRS 620.050\(11\)](#))
  - d. Who to contact
    - [Cabinet for Health and Family Service](#)

- Statewide Abuse Hotline 1-877-597-2331 (1-877-KYSAFE1)
  - Online: <https://prd.webapps.chfs.ky.gov/reportabuse/home.aspx> (for non-emergency reporting)
  - Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS)
  - [Regional Centralized Intake](#)
  - Local law enforcement or the [Kentucky State Police](#)
  - Commonwealth or [County Attorney](#)
- e. Legal protection for reporting sources
- i. **KRS 620.050**
  - ii. **KRS 620.020**
  - iii. **[KRS 431.600](#)**
- f. Making a report ([KRS 620.040\(4\)](#))
- Define “Disclosure” & “Investigation”
  - Timeframe for reporting ([922 KAR 1:330](#))
- 3. Responding to the child as required by KRS 620.030 and 620.040(4), including:**
- a. Role of school personnel
    - Report child abuse and neglect promptly
    - Maintain confidentiality
    - Do not conduct an investigation
  - b. Role of child protective services
    - Make an initial determination as to the immediate safety and risk of harm to a child ([922 KAR 1:330\(3\)](#))
    - Investigate and follow regulations and timeline ([922 KAR 1:330](#))
- 4. Understanding the response of child protective services as required by KRS 431.600, KRS 620.040, and [KRS 620.060](#) including:**
- a. Acceptance criteria ([KRS 600.020](#) and [922 KAR 1:330](#)) and types of neglect (supervision, environmental, medical, risk of harm, educational, substance use/abuse, food, hygiene/clothing, emotional injury)
  - b. Response timeframe including imminent, non-imminent, and low risk ([922 KAR 1:330](#))
  - c. Sharing information with school/reporter ([KRS 620.050](#))
  - d. Possible legal responsibility of reporter ([KRS 620.050\(11\)](#))

#### Technical Components

Include requirement to post **Statewide Abuse Hotline 1-877-2331 (1-877-KYSAFE1)** and the **National Human Trafficking Reporting Hotline** ([KRS 156.095\(7\)\(g\)](#))

1. Include questionnaire or assessment that will document basic knowledge; web-based assessment must provide assessment results/report; paper/pencil assessment must include answer key
2. Provide in-person or web-based accessibility, instructions, and vendor/provider contact information
3. Be comprehensive and research/evidence-based
4. Provide Kentucky requirements and contacts for reporting and prevention of child abuse and neglect; may include federal and/or other state information