CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: PREVENTION, RECOGNITION AND REPORTING

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 Services
      • Statewide Abuse Hotline 1-877-597-2331 (1-877-KYSAFE1)
      • Online: https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse/ (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
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, 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 1-877-597-2331 (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