Child Abuse Reporting Requirements
Georgia Mandatory Reporter Law

Effective July 1, 2012, Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §19-7-5) expanded the definition of mandatory reporter to specify a wider range of people required to report child abuse. This updated law covers all University of Georgia faculty, staff, students, and volunteers involved in programs serving children and/or minors under the age of 18 years old.

The revised statute requires that all persons who have “reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused shall report or cause reports of that abuse to be made.” If you know or have a good-faith reason to suspect someone has committed child abuse, immediate action is required by law and is essential to protect children we work with both on and off our campus.

If you suspect child abuse, or simply have an idea or uneasy feeling about a possible abuse situation, immediately report to:

1) The UGA Police Department at 706-542-2200; AND

2) Your program director.

Please report promptly and do not attempt to investigate a matter further or gather additional information before reporting.