



# Mandatory Reporting

# What is Mandatory Reporting?

- Anyone and Everyone who knows or suspects that child abuse or neglect has occurred are required by law to make a report.
- Mandatory reporting laws were instituted to help promote awareness of child abuse and early intervention, if possible. The laws make reporting quite straightforward and protect the person who reported the abuse.
- In most states, reports are anonymous

# Who is a Mandatory Reporter?

- Physicians
- Principals
- Teachers
- School Counselors/Social Workers
- Nurses
- Daycare Workers
- Other School Personnel

# Steps for Reporting

- Notify the principal and counselor
- Call Etowah County Department of Human Resources 256-549-4100 to report abuse leave message if no one is available with your name, phone number and school a case manager will return your call
- Fax Report to Etowah County Department of Human Resources 256-549-4216

# Helpful Reminders

- The report has to come from the person that hears, see, or has knowledge of any abuse or neglect, otherwise it's hearsay!
- I can assist in any way possible, but if a student reports anything, it is your responsibility to contact the appropriate individual.
- The Barrie Center has trained individuals with specialized training for investigations, please allow them to investigate so students want have to relive any said abuse or neglect.

QUESTIONS?