

# **Division of Child Protection and Permanency**

**The Division of Child Protection and Permanency, DCP&P (formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services, DYFS)**, is New Jersey's child protection and child welfare agency within the Department of Children and Families. Its mission is to ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children and to support families.

DCP&P is responsible for investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect and, if necessary, arranging for the child's protection and the family's treatment. The Child Abuse Hotline (State Central Registry) receives all reports of child abuse and neglect 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Reports requiring a field response are forwarded to the DCP&P Local Office who investigates.

## **Child Abuse Hotline**

**1-877-NJ ABUSE**

## **Office of Advocacy**

**1-877-543- 7864**

**[www.nj.gov/dcf](http://www.nj.gov/dcf)**

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## **Defining Child Abuse and Neglect**

### **Abuse**

Abuse is the physical, sexual or emotional harm or risk of harm to a child under the age of 18 caused by a parent or other person who acts as a caregiver for the child.

### **Neglect**

Neglect occurs when a parent or caregiver fails to provide proper supervision for a child or adequate food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care although financially able or assisted to do so.

## **Educator Training Modules**

**<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/socservices/abuse/training/>**