

North Dakota Child Protection Program

Report Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect

Call the statewide toll-free reporting line: **1-833-958-3500**

Hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. CT Monday–Friday (7 a.m.–4 p.m. MT)

If a child is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.

A specialized team gathers information so local CPS workers can act quickly. Calls to local human service zone offices are rerouted to the centralized line.

Purpose of Child Protection Services

- Protect the health and welfare of children.
- Provide services to prevent further harm.
- Identify causes and circumstances of child deaths and recommend policy changes.
- Governed by NDCC 50-25.1.

Institutional Child Protection Services

Covers suspected abuse in public/private schools or licensed residential facilities. Reports are forwarded to the Institutional CPS Unit. Mandated reporters may use State Form No. 960 to report institutional abuse.

North Dakota Child Fatality Review Panel (NDCFRP)

- Reviews all deaths of minors in ND.
- Identifies trends to prevent future deaths.
- Meetings are confidential; annual reports are public.

Mandated Reporters Include:

Medical professionals, mental health professionals, school staff, addiction counselors, social workers, child care workers, foster parents, law enforcement, juvenile justice staff, clergy. Anyone may report suspected abuse or neglect.

Reporting Suspected Abuse or Neglect

- Call 1-833-958-3500 verbally or submit a written report.
- SFN 960 available at local human service zone offices.

What Happens After a Report?

- Information is reviewed for assessment.
- Assessment determines facts and need for services.
- May refer to juvenile court if needed.
- Protective services may include education, counseling, support, or foster care.