

# BROOKLAKE

## CHILDCARE & LEARNING

### WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE CODES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING**

WASHINGTON STATE LAW AND CHILDCARE LICENSING MANDATE CHILDCARE STAFF TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY ANY ALLEGED ABUSE. THE FOLLOWING ARE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

#### **WAC 388-150-480 (2)**

THE LICENSEE OR STAFF SHALL REPORT IMMEDIATELY ANY INSTANCE WHEN THE LICENSEE OR STAFF HAS REASON TO SUSPECT THE OCCURRENCE OF PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, OR EMOTIONAL CHILD ABUSE, CHILD NEGLECT, OR CHILD EXPLOITATION AS REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 26.44 RCW, BY TELEPHONE, TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

#### **RCW 26.44**

SPECIFIES WHAT STEPS CPS MAY TAKE IN INVESTIGATING AN ALLEGATION, AS WELL AS PROVIDING THAT "ANY PERSON PARTICIPATING IN GOOD FAITH IN THE MAKING OF SUCH REPORT, SHALL IN DOING SO BE IMMUNE FROM ANY LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF SUCH REPORT.

BE AWARE THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO NOTIFY PARENTS WHEN THE POLICE OR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ARE CALLED ABOUT POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION. THIS DEPENDS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. HOWEVER, IF SUSPECTED, A REPORT WILL BE MADE.

PARENT(S) PRINTED NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_