



Preschool Parents,

Please bring the following items on or before your child's first day of preschool.

- 1. Crib Sheet and Blanket (For full-time students)
- 2. Diapers and Wipes (For non-potty-trained children)
- 3. Extra Set of Clothes
- 4. Registration Fee and Tuition Payment
- 5. All of the Paperwork Filled Out and Signed.
 - A. Application for Enrollment
 - **B.** Admission Agreement
 - C. Physician's Report/Immunization Record/T.B. Test
 - D. Child's Pre-Admission Health History
 - E. Identification and Emergency Information
 - F. Parent's Rights
 - **G. Personal Rights**
 - **H.** Consent for Medical Treatment
 - I. Parent Handbook Agreement/Permission to photograph/Videotape my Child/Website/Facebook
 - J. Child Abuse Pamphlet
 - K. Emergency Card

Thank you for trusting us here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool to care for your little one.

Sincerely,

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Staff

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TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

<u>Application For Enrollment</u>

		Today	r's Date
Child's full name	Sex	Age	Date of Birth
Home Address			
Race (Circle):			
American Indian Asian/Pacific Islander Filipina	Black Hispanic	Cavcasian	Other:
Please check if applicable: () mother deceased	() father deceased	() parents s	eparated
() divorced and custody of child is given t	0:		
ADULTS LIVING WITH CHILD			
Name	_ Relationship		ontact #
Name	_ Relationship		Contact #
PARENT NOT IN RESIDENCE WITH CHILD			
Name	_ Relationship		Contact #
Our family has an active church membership in			congregation.
Church phone number		Is child bap	tized?
If no church membership, what is your religious prefer	ence?		
PERSONAL HISTORY			
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Are there any medical problems of which we should be	aware?		
What word does child use for toileting?		******	
Does child have any bowel or bladder irregularities? _			
Trinity Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color, nați or made available to students at school. It does not discriminate (school-administered programs.			
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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL ADMISSION AGREEMENT

Center Hours: Trinity Lutheran Preschool is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for children ages two years through five years.

Forms: (The following forms MUST be on file at the preschool prior to admission.)

- Application for enrollment
- Admission Agreement
- Physician's Report w/ immunization record and T.B. test
- Child's Pre Admission Health History
- Identification and Emergency Information
- Consent for Medical Treatment
- Parent's Rights
- Personal Rights
- ➡ Child Abuse Pamphlet
- Emergency Card
- Parent Handbook Agreement/Permission to Photograph and Videotape My Child/Facebook and Website Permission

Tuition: Tuition is due on or before the first of each month. Payments received after the 10th of the month are considered late and a \$30 late charge will be added to the tuition account each payment date.

Withdrawal: Parents must notify the office two weeks in advance, in writing, if they would like to withdraw their child from our center.

Schedule Change: You must notify the director when you have a schedule change so that we know when to expect your child to arrive and when he/she will be picked up. Switching days (part-time students only) must be approved by preschool director.

Termination: The school may terminate the enrollment of any child for continual late pick-up, when it is considered that the preschool cannot adequately meet the needs of the child, for failure to pay tuition, and for any uncooperative/aggressive behavior by the parent or child.

I have read the Admission Agreement and the Parent Handbook. I agree with the statements contained within.

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL ADMISSION AGREEMENT (cont.)

I agree that regardless of who pays my child's sponsible for the entire amount of preschool year.	tuition, I am enrolling my child and am therefore re
Child's name:	
Days of care needed:	
Hours of care needed:	
Parent's name:	
Parent's signature:	
Date:	
Special tuition arrangement:	
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Parent/Guardian Signature	

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PHYSICIAN'S REPORT—CHILD CARE CENTERS

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Hearing:				Alle	ergies: medici	ne:				
Vision:				Ins	ect stings:					
Developmental:				For	od:					
Language/Speech:				Ast	ihma:					
Dental:										
Other (include behavioral concerns):										
Comments/Explanations:										
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RISK FACTORS FOR TB IN CHILDREN:

- Have a family member or contacts with a history of confirmed or suspected TB.
- * Are in foreign-born families and from high-prevalence countries (Asia, Africa, Central and South America).
- * Live in out-of-home placements.
- Have, or are suspected to have, HIV infection.
- * Live with an adult with HIV seropositivity.
- * Live with an adult who has been incarcerated in the last five years.
- Live among, or are frequently exposed to, individuals who are homeless, migrant farm workers, users of street drugs, or residents in nursing homes.
- Have abnormalities on chest X-ray suggestive of TB.
- * Have clinical evidence of TB.

Consult with your local health department's TB control program on any aspects of TB prevention and treatment.

CHILD'S PREADMISSION HEALTH HISTORY - PARENT/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

CHILD'S NAME		BIRTHDATE					
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IS / HAS CHILD BEEN UNDER REGULAR SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN?					DATE OF LAST PHYSICAL/ MEDICAL EXAMINATION		
DEVELOPMEN	TAL HISTORY (*For infants and p	preschool-age	children only)			
WALKED AT*		BEGAN TALKING	G AT*	TOILET TRAINING	TOILET TRAINING STARTED AT*		
	MONTHS	-	MONTHS		MONTHS		
PAST ILLNESSES — Check illnesses that child has had and specify approximate dates of illnesses:							
	DATES		DATES		DATES		
☐ Chicken Pox		☐ Diabetes		□ Poliomyelitis			
☐ Asthma		□ Epilepsy		☐ Ten-Day			
☐ Rheumatic		☐ Whooping Cough		Measles (Rubeola)			
Fever Hay Fever		☐ Mumps		☐ Three-Day Measles (Rubella)			
SPECIFY ANY O	THER SERIOUS	OR SEVERE ILLI	NESSES OR A	ACCIDENTS			
DOES CHILD HA	AVE FREQUENT	HOW MANY IN L	AST YEAR?	LIST ANY ALLERGIES STAFF SHOULD BE AWARE OF			

DAILY ROUTINES ("For Inital	its and prescribor-age	Gilliaren Only)			
WHAT TIME DOES CHILD GET UP?*	WHAT TIME DOES TO BED?*	S CHILD GO	DOES CHILD SLEEP WELL?*		
DOES CHILD SLEEP DURING THE DAY?*	WHEN?*		HOW LON	G?*	
DIET PATTERN: (What does child usually eat for	BREAKFAST				
these meals?)	LUNCH				
	DINNER				
WHAT ARE USUAL EATING	BREAKFAST				
HOURS?	LUNCH				
	DINNER				
ANY FOOD DISLIKES?		ANY EATING	PROBLEN	AS?	
IS CHILD TOILET TRAINED?*	IF YES, AT WHAT STAGE:*	ARE BOWEL REGULAR?*			
WORD USED FOR "BOWEL MO	OVEMENT"*	WORD USED FO	R URINATI	ON*	
PARENT / AUTHORIZED REPRE	SENTATIVE EVALUAT	TION OF CHILD'S	S HEALTH	ě.	
IS CHILD PRESENTLY UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE? UYES UNO	IF YES, NAME OF DOCTOR:	DOES CHILD PRESCRIBED MEDICATION(AND	S, WHAT KIND ANY SIDE ECTS:
DOES CHILD USE ANY SPECIAL DEVICE(S): DYES DNO	IF YES, WHAT KIND:	DOES CHILD L SPECIAL DEVI HOME? DYES DNO		IF YE	S, WHAT KIND:
PARENT/ ALITHORIZED REPRE	SENTATIVE EVALUAT	ION OF CHILD'S	PERSONA	LITY	

HOW DOES CHILD GET ALONG WITH PARENT / AUTHORIZED RESISTERS AND OTHER CHILDREN?	PRESENTATIVE, BROTHERS,
HAS THE CHILD HAD GROUP PLAY EXPERIENCES?	
DOES THE CHILD HAVE ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS/FEARS/NEEDS	S? (EXPLAIN.)
WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR CARE WHEN THE CHILD IS ILL?	
REASON FOR REQUESTING DAY CARE PLACEMENT	
PARENT/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	DATE
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IDENTIFICATION AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION CHILD CARE CENTERS/FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

To Be Completed by				·					
CHILD'S NAME	LAS	ST.	MIDDLE			FIRST		SEX	TELEPHONE ()
ADDRESS	NUI	MBER	STREET C		ITY	STATE		ZIP	BIRTHDATE
PARENT / AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NAME	LAS	ST	MIDDLE			FIRST			BUSINESS TELEPHONE ()
HOME ADDRESS	NUI	MBER	STREET CITY STATE Z		ZIP	HOME TELEPHONE ()			
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NAMES OF PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE CHILD FROM THE FACILITY

(CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITH ANY OTHER PERSON WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM PARENT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

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NAME	RELATIONS	112
TIME CHILD WILL BE PICKED UP		
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR AUTHO	RIZED REPRESENTATIVE	DATE
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TO BE COMPLETED BY FACILITY D		FAMILY
CHILD CARE HO	MES LICENSEE	
DATE OF ADMISSION	LAST DATE OF ENROLLMEN	T
DATE OF ADMINISTRA		

CHILD CARE CENTER NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS' RIGHTS

PARENTS' RIGHTS

As a Parent/Authorized Representative, you have the right to:

- 1. Enter and inspect the child care center without advance notice whenever children are in care.
- 2. File a complaint against the licensee with the licensing office and review the licensee's public file kept by the licensing office.
- 3. Review, at the child care center, reports of licensing visits and substantiated complaints against the licensee made during the last three years.
- 4. Complain to the licensing office and inspect the child care center without discrimination or retaliation against you or your child.
- Request in writing that a parent not be allowed to visit your child or take your child from the child care center, provided you have shown a certified copy of a court order.

	care center, provided you have shown a certified copy of a court order.
6.	Receive from the licensee the name, address and telephone number of the local licensing office.
	Licensing Office Name:
	Licensing Office Address:
	Licensing Office Telephone #:
7. ₹	Be informed by the licensee, upon request, of the name and type of association to the child care center for any adult who has been granted a criminal record exemption, and that the name of the person may also be obtained by contacting the local licensing office.
8.	Receive, from the licensee, the Caregiver Background Check Process form.
NOTE:	CALIFORNIA STATE LAW PROVIDES THAT THE LICENSEE MAY DENY ACCESS TO THE CHILD CARE CENTER TO A PARENT/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PARENT/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE POSES A RISK TO CHILDREN IN CARE.
	For the Department of Justice "Registered Sex Offender" database, go to www.meganslaw.ca.gov
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ACH	NOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS' RIGHTS (Parent/Authorized Representative Signature Required)
I the p	arent/authorized representative of, have
receive	ed a copy of the "CHILD CARE CENTER NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS' RIGHTS" and the GIVER BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS form from the licensee.
	Name of Child Care Center
	Signature (Parent/Authorized Representative) Date
NOTE:	This Acknowledgement must be kept in child's file and a copy of the Notification given to parent/authorized representative.
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PERSONAL RIGHTS

Child Care Centers

Personal Rights, See Section 101223 for waiver conditions applicable to Child Care Centers.

- (a) Child Čare Centers. Each child receiving services from a Child Care Center shall have rights which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) To be accorded dignity in his/her personal relationships with staff and other persons.
 - (2) To be accorded safe, healthful and comfortable accommodations, furnishings and equipment to meet his/her needs.
 - (3) To be free from corporal or unusual punishment, infliction of pain, humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, coercion, threat, mental abuse, or other actions of a punitive nature, including but not limited to: interference with daily living functions, including eating, sleeping, or toileting; or withholding of shelter, clothing, medication or aids to physical functioning.
 - (4) To be informed, and to have his/her authorized representative, if any, informed by the licensee of the provisions of law regarding complaints including, but not limited to, the address and telephone number of the complaint receiving unit of the licensing agency and of information regarding confidentiality.
 - (5) To be free to attend religious services or activities of his/her choice and to have visits from the spiritual advisor of his/her choice. Attendance at religious services, either in or outside the facility, shall be on a completely voluntary basis. In Child Care Centers, decisions concerning attendance at religious services or visits from spiritual advisors shall be made by the parent(s), or guardian(s) of the child.
 - (6) Not to be locked in any room, building, or facility premises by day or night.
 - (7) Not to be placed in any restraining device, except a supportive restraint approved in advance by the licensing agency.

THE REPRESENTATIVE/PARENT/GUARDIAN HAS THE LICENSING AGENCY TO CONTACT REGARDING COMPLAIN	E RIGHT TO BE INFOF INTS, WHICH IS:	RMED OF THE APPROPRIATE
NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NUMBER
TO: PARENT/GUARDIAN/CHILD OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENT. Upon satisfactory and full disclosure of the personal rights as explaine ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I/We have been personally advised of, an California Code of Regulations, Title 22, at the time of admission to:	ATIVE: ed, complete the following acond have received a copy of	the personal rights contained in the
(PRINT THE NAME OF THE FACILITY)	(PRINT THE ADDRESS OF THE FACILI	TY)
(PRINT THE NAME OF THE CHILD)		
(SIGNATURE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE/PARENT/GUARDIAN)		
(TITLE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE/PARENT/GUARDIAN)		(DATE)

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CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT- Child Care Centers Or Family Child Care Homes

AS THE PARENT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATI	VE, I HEREBY GIVE CONSENT TO
Trinity Lutheran Preschool TO	OBTAIN ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL OR DENTAL CARE
PRESCRIBED BY A DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN (M.	D) OSTEOPATH (D O) OR DENTIST (D D S) FOR
PRESCRIBED BY A DOLY LICENSED FITT SICIAIN (IN).	. THIS CARE MAY BE GIVEN UNDER
NAME	THIS CARE WAT BE GIVEN UNDER
WHATEVER CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PRI	ESERVE THE LIFE, LIMB OR WELL BEING OF THE CHILD
NAMED ABOVE.	
CHILD HAS THE FOLLOWING MEDICATION ALLERGIES:	
DATE	PARENT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE
HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE

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TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

PARENT HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

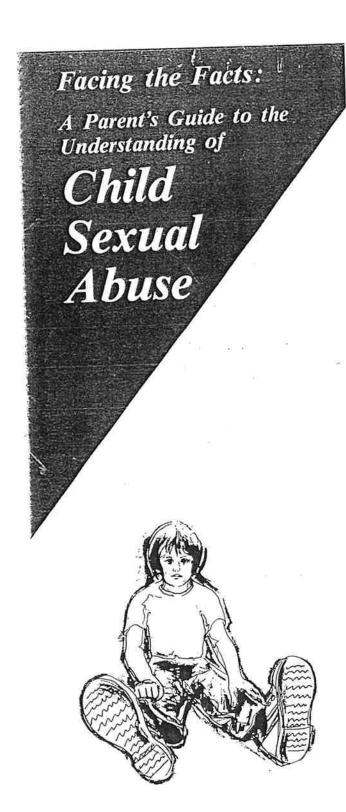
I acknowledge that I have received, read, and agree, as part of my contractual agreement with Trinity Lutheran Preschool, to abide by all policies and procedures set forth in the parent handbook. I further understand that the director may amend any and all policies as deemed necessary for the safety and education of the children.

Name of Child_____

ame of Child
ate:Parent Signature:
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ERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR VIDEOTAPE MY CHILD
s a part of the program at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, I understand videos/photos will be aken throughout the year.
understand that these videos/photos remain in the center and may be posted in the center.
understand that class pictures will be taken at various times of the year.
understand that videos/photos may be used to illustrate Trinity Lutheran brochures, and may ppear in presentations to new families.
understand my child may be videotaped/photographed for the End of the Year Video that I hay see at the end of the year program.
give Trinity Lutheran Preschool staff permission to photograph and /or videotape my child as bove mentioned.
arent Signature: Date:
ERMISSION FOR WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE
give Trinity Lutheran Preschool permission to use my child's photos/videos on their website nd facebook page.
arent Signature: Date:

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL STUDENT HEALTH AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Student's Name:	Gender:	Grade:	Birthdate:	
Address:				
Student lives with:	н	ome Phone: (.)	
Mother/Guardian:	Father/Gu	ardian:		
Place of Employment:	Place of En	Place of Employment:		
Work Phone:	Work Phon	e:		
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:			
Email:	Email:			
Are there custody arrangements regarding this stu	ident? Yes No If	yes please provid	e a copy of the official custody order.	
Medical Conditions:				
What, if any, medications does the studer				
Any allergies? Please list	A 1.1		Dh a r a r	
Physician:				
Medical insurance co.	msura	TICE ID #		
List the persons to whom your child may be relemergency. They should be local and able to t	ransport student:			
1. Name:Address:		Relation	shin:	
2. Name:				
Address:				
3. Name:				
Address:		Baytime Relation	Relationship:	
Address.		Relation	311101	
Out of State Emergency Contact:	Pho	ne	Relationship	
MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION				
In the event of an emergency, and all attempt	s to reach me have failed. I	hereby give per	mission and consent for my child	
to be treated at an accredited emergency hos				
If no please explain:				
Urgent Notice: We are forbidden by law to ad				
parent/guardian. All medications, prescription	and over the counter, mus	st be administere	ed by the office. Any medication to	
be given to students must be given to the office				
marked on the container and include a parent				
l hereby release Trinity Lutheran Preschool an	d its staff members who ac	lminister medica	tion from all responsibility.	
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Sometimes parents have to face issues they would rather avoid.

What is Sexual Abuse?

The sexual abuse of a child occurs whenever any person forces, tricks or threatens a child in order to have sexual contact with him or her. This contact can include such "nontouching" behaviors as an adult exposing himself or asking a child to look at pornographic material. It includes behaviors ranging from the sexual handling of a child (fondling), to actual genital contact, to intercourse, to violent rape. In all instances of child sexual abuse, the child is being used as an object to satisfy the adult's sexual needs or desires.

"Candy is my best friend. I play at her house a lot. Today her daddy asked us to look at some pictures. They were nasty pictures of people with no clothes on. He said, 'Doesn't that look like fun?' I didn't think so, but I said, 'Yes'."

Who Gets Sexually Abused?

Any child of any age is a potential victim of sexual abuse. Some important facts to keep in mind . . .

- Although the majority of adults do not sexually assault children, most sexual abuse occurs with an adult the child knows and trusts.
- Most sexual abuse goes unreported and undetected.
- Although we do not have exact numbers, some studies have found that one out of every four girls and one of every ten boys become victims of child sexual abuse by the age of eighteen.
- Children often keep sexual abuse a secret.
- "When Mommy goes to work, I stay at Mrs. Jenkin's house. I wish I didn't have to. Mommy says Mrs. Jenkins is a real nice lady, but Mrs. Jenkins' son, Ralph, sometimes makes me do bad things. Yesterday he made me take off my underwear and he put his finger in my 'privates.' He said 'You better not tell'."

Children may keep a sexual assault a secret for many reasons. They may fear rejection, blame, punishment or abandonment; they may think people won't believe them. Boys are less likely to report an abuse than girls. The closer the relationship of the offender to the child, the less likely it is that the child will report the incident.

How Can You Determine If Sexual Abuse Has Taken Place?

First and foremost, if your children confide that they have been sexually assaulted, believe them! Children very seldom lie about such a serious matter. Also be aware that most sexual abuse does not result in the child being violently attacked or hurt physically. Often there is no physical evidence a child has been molested. Fondling, involvement in child pornography and oral sex usually present no physical signs of abuse. But, if a child has been physically harmed as a result of sexual abuse, the following may be signs of this occurence:

- A discharge from the vaginal area or penis
- Injury to the genitals or anus
- Pain, itching or bleeding in the genital or anal area
- Discomfort in walking or sitting
- The discovery of a sexually transmitted disease.

Children, especially very young children, are many times unable to verbalize that they have been molested. The following are some indicators that sexual assault may have taken place:

- Nightmares and sleep disturbances
- Bedwetting
- Fear of certain places or certain people (such as a day care center or a friend)
- Loss of appetite
- · Clinging to a parent more than usual
- Behaving as a younger child (such as an older child sucking his or her thumb)
- Unexplained changes in behavior at school, day care, or in relations with peers
- Withdrawal
- Acting out the abuse with dolls, friends, or through drawings
- Excessive masturbation

Keep in mind that although these are the most common signs of sexual abuse, there may be other causes for these changes. However, sexual abuse should not be ruled out as a possibility.

What Can You Do To Prevent Sexual Abuse?

You teach your children many safety rules. You tell them to look both ways before crossing the street, what to do if they get hurt, not to talk to strangers and so on. Discussions relating to sexual abuse prevention can be included in this normal teaching process. Your children need not be made afraid or suspicious of all adults in order to accomplish this. You don't even have to talk to very young children about sex if you don't want to. Simply make your children aware that if someone touches them or does anything that makes them uncomfortable, they should report it to you or another adult they trust. You can teach your children they have the right to say "NO" if asked to do something that makes them uncomfortable, even if the person who asks is a relative or close friend. Use words your children understand. Let them know they can come to you to talk about anything that's upsetting to them. Answer any questions your children may have and be calm and matter-of-fact.

Other Things Parents Can Do To Lessen The Risk Of Sexual Abuse.

- Know where your children are and what they are doing.
- Know who is with your children. Get to know any adults or older children that have regular contact with your child.
- Check out fully any babysitters or day care providers. Ask for references and then check them. Do not use child care settings which prohibit drop-in visiting. Visit your child's day care facility frequently and observe the daily activities.
- Talk with your children about the day's activities. Be observant of anything they say or do that seems out of the ordinary.

[&]quot;Uncle Bill takes me lots of places and buys me ice cream and stuff. But sometimes I don't feel good when he makes me touch his 'thing.' I want to tell mom, but I'm scared she'd get mad."

What If You Discover Your Child Has Been Sexually Abused?

Children's reactions to being sexually abused differ greatly from child to child because of the child's age, his or her personality, the nature of the offense, the offender's relationship to the child and adult reactions to the discovery of the abuse. Sometimes children do not appear overly upset by the abuse; often, they are confused or frightened by what they have encountered. You, as a parent, play an important part in how the abuse will affect your child both in the short and long term.

The following are some suggestions if you discover your child has been sexually abused:

- Believe your child; reinforce the fact he or she is not to blame for what happened.
- Immediately report the abuse to the proper authorities. (see "Contacts and Services")

- Assure your child that you still love him or her.
- Allow your child to talk about the incident(s), but do not pressure him or her to do so.
- Let your child know that he or she will be protected from further assault. Protection of your child should be your first concern.
- Seek medical care if you suspect any sexual abuse may have occurred. Although children are rarely seriously damaged physically by sex offenders, internal injury may have occurred and the risk of a sexually transmitted disease must be considered. Discuss any possible medical complications with your physician.
- Be aware of your own feelings concerning the abuse. Although you may have many feelings including shock, anger and disbelief, make sure your child understands your feelings are not aimed at him or her.

Remember, you have the primary responsibility for your child's well-being. With a little time and effort you may prevent your child from being injured in an abusive situation.

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Contacts and Services FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS WHAT AGENCIES MAY ASSIST YOU IN SPECIFIC AREAS AS LISTED BELOW:	POLICE OR SHERIFF	COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S OR SOCIAL SERVICES	STATE OR LOCAL DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING	
 If you believe a child is being (or has been) abused by an individual (relative, friend) If you believe a child has been assaulted by a stranger If you believe a child is being (or has been) abused in a licensed day care setting (child care center, school, recreational facility, family day care home) If you have any questions or complaints concerning the licensing, organization, staffing or programs of a licensed child care setting 		nd		

from the licensee or authorized representative of

"Facing The Facts: A Parent's Guide to the Understanding of Child Sexual Abuse"

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Just Sexual Abuse?

Be aware of other forms of abuse, especially if your child is left in the care of others. Make it a habit to examine your child's body. (This can be done in a casual manner while dressing or bathing.) Question any unusual marks, bruises, burns, welts, etc.

While everyone should report suspected child abuse and neglect, the California Penal Code provides that certain professionals and laypersons must report suspected abuse to the proper authorities. The mandated reporters include:

Any Child Care Custodian (teachers, licensing day care workers, foster parents, social workers)

Medical Practitioners (physicians, dentists, psychologists, nurses)

Nonmedical Practitioners (public health employees, counselors, religious practitioners who treat children)

Employees of a child protective agency (sheriff, probation officers, county welfare department employees)

Failure to report suspected abuse by a mandated reporter (listed above) within 36 hours is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months in county jail, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both.



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