

## Information on Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

### What Information Do I Need to Make a Report?

- Demographics
- Describe the abuse or neglect or why the child is at risk of child abuse or neglect
- Known information about the parents or siblings
- Known information about the alleged child victim's physical health, mental health, educational issues or parents or siblings
- Is the alleged child victim in need of medical attention for injuries?
- Known information that could put the child's or worker's safety in peril such as the presence of alcohol, drugs, weapons, dangerous animal, or criminal behavior

***More Information is Better than Less!***

### What Happens When I Make a Report?

DFS will do one of three things when a report is received:

1. Accept the report and investigate the allegations;
2. Refer the report to law enforcement for investigation; or
3. Document the report, but not investigate the allegations.

All reports to the Report Line are reviewed by a DFS supervisor as part of the decision making process. A case that is accepted for DFS Investigation will be transferred to an Investigation caseworker.