# Department of Family Services

Southern Nevada Children's Advocacy Center

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This definition of child abuse and neglect refers specifically to parents and other caregivers. A "child" under this definition generally means a person who is younger than age 18 or who is not an emancipated minor.

"Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation"; or

"An act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm."



### **DFS RESPONSIBILITIES**

**SAFETY** 

**PERMANENCY** 

**WELL BEING** 



### **KEEPING KIDS SAFE**

Safety is NOT
what is best
based on my standards
a custody issue



### **KEEPING KIDS SAFE**

### Safety is

a place where children are no longer in present or impending danger or

If danger exists, there is a caregiver who is able to stop or control the threats posed by the other caregiver.



### **TYPES OF ABUSE**

**Physical** 

Sexual

Extreme neglect

**Psychological** 

**CSEC** 

## MANDATED REPORTING

**NRS 432 B and NRS 432C** 

### Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

#### The report must contain, if obtainable (NRS 432B.230):

- Name, address, age, and sex of child
- Name and address of the child's parents or other person who is responsible for child's care
- The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect of the child
- Any evidence of previously known or suspected abuse or neglect of the child or child's siblings
- The name, address and relationship, if known, of the person who is alleged to have abused or neglected the child.
- Any other information known to the person making the report

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/family\_services/child\_abuse\_hotline.php

### DFS INTAKE

- The Clark County Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline is available 24/7 at (702) 399-0081
- A report can be submitted online as well, and may take up to 24 hours to process, but please note, online reporting is for mandated reporters only.

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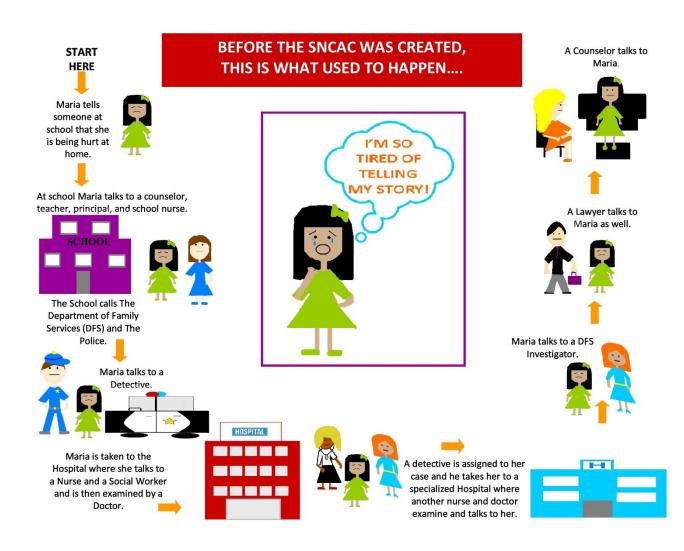


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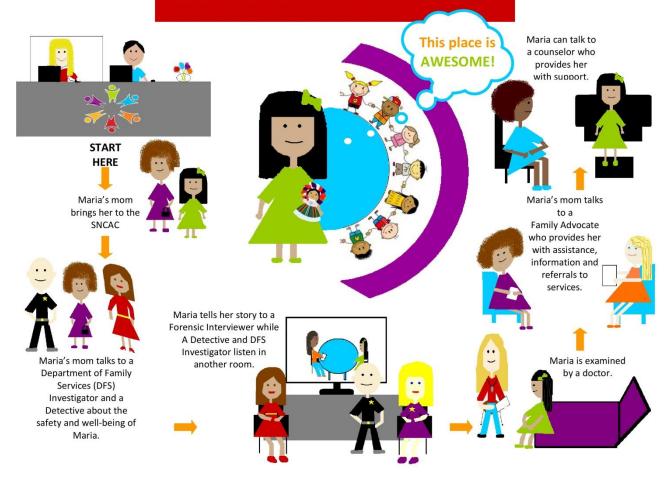
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We come together
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#### ...AND NOW THE SNCAC DOES IT THIS WAY...



### **Under the SNCAC umbrella**



#### **SNCAC ADMIN**

SNCAC FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS

**SNCAC FAMILY ADVOCATES** 

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

LAW ENFORCEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** 

**MEDICAL** 

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