

Dear Parents,

There are certain laws and guidelines regarding the reporting of any alleged abuses of children in the state of Washington. We would like you to be informed of these. They are as follows:

WAC 388-150-420 States that centers must report suspected child abuse, neglect or exploitation to child protective services of the local law enforcement agency immediately. Licensors should also be informed.

WAC 26.44.040 Specifies what steps CPS may take in investigating an allegation. Center staff are immune from civil or criminal liabilities if the report is made in good faith; that CPS has the right to interview children in the center and look at any center files and that center management can be charged with a gross misdemeanor if management does not report a suspected case of child abuse.

Included in this reporting responsibility are any concerns or feedback that you may have about what is or is not appropriate behavior or handling of a child. It is our mutual responsibility and obligation to protect all children in our care. The seriousness of these policies cannot be overstated. We want you to be fully informed and aware of how we handle this kind of allegation. Together we can and do make a positive difference in the lives of children entrusted in our care.

I/we have received the policy about child abuse reporting from The Evergreen State College Campus Children's Center.

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