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To:

From: Division of Child and Family Service- Family Programs Office

Re: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

In 2019, the Nevada State Legislature passed NRS 432C to bring Nevada into compliance with federal law which requires states to have provisions in place for child welfare agencies to accept reports of all children who are known or suspected to be victims of sex trafficking. Under NRS 432C a child welfare agency will accept a report even if there is not a parent or guardian involved in the sexual exploitation of the child.

NRS 432C.110 requires mandated reporters to report to a child welfare agency when they know or have reasonable cause to believe that a child is a commercially sexually exploited child. This requirement is in alignment with the reporting requirements set forth in NRS 432B.220. NRS 432C.110 requires that:

- The report to the child welfare agency be made as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than 24 hours of the reporter having knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that a child is a commercially sexually exploited child;
- The reporter contact law enforcement immediately if the alleged perpetrator of the commercial sexual exploitation of the child is or is alleged to be present with the child, or if the child is otherwise in imminent danger; and
- Failure to do so is a misdemeanor.

When a report is made, child welfare agencies in Nevada:

- Will accept and screen reports of CSEC victims, including those who are victimized by non-familial traffickers;
- Will make a report to law enforcement; and
- May conduct an assessment of the family and CSEC victim to determine if the family needs any services. The child welfare agency may provide services to the family and CSEC victim or they may refer them to other service providers.

Please contact your local child welfare agency for assistance on training regarding NRS 432C mandated reporting requirements.