

### What is your liability?

All persons reporting suspected child abuse or neglect (whether required by law or not) are presumed to be acting in good faith. Alabama law provides immunity from liability for actions by mandatory reporters.

Citation: Ala. Code § 26-14-9

It is not necessary to prove that the abuse or neglect happened. You must have a reasonable suspicion.

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### Is your job protected?

"A public or private employer who discharges, suspends, disciplines, or penalizes an employee solely for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect ... shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor"

Citation: Ala. Code § 26-14-3(g)

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### How to File a Report

- Phone the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) in your county
  - Montgomery (334) 293-3305
  - Birmingham (205) 423-4850
  - Mobile (251) 450-7018
  - Huntsville (256) 427-6200



Reports can also go to the DHR State Family Services Division (334) 242-9500

If a life-threatening situation exists - DIAL 911

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**Where To Get Help**

- Our office can provide translation and interpretation services for parent newsletters or parent conferences.
- Simply complete a "Request for Interpreter" form from the ESL page under Academic Affairs- Federal Programs on the district website.

*If ever in doubt, contact our office!*



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**For More Information**

Mrs. Belinda Roberts  
Executive Director of Federal Programs  
251-221-5216

Dr. Tracy H. Jay  
ESL/Migrant Coordinator  
251-221-5190

ESL- English Second Language

Migrant- Lived in US 13 years

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**Child Advocacy Center  
1351 Springhill Avenue  
Mobile, AL 36604**

phone: 251/432-1101

contact:

hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

eligibility:

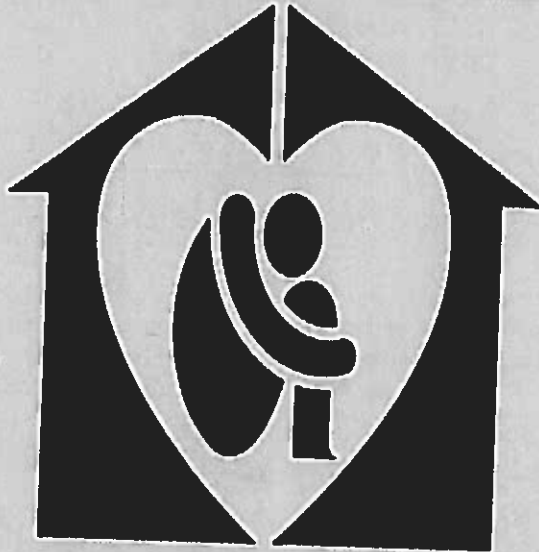
services: Services provided are legal assistance and/or prosecution and counseling for children of sexual abuse, incest, rape, physical abuse, neglect, etc.  
This is a facility which houses several agencies; The Department of Human Resources, Sheriff Department, Mobile Police Department and the District Attorney's Office.

Services are free.

requirement:

area:

# HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM



## Mobile County Public Schools Division of Student Support Services

*Martha Peek, Superintendent  
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For assistance, please contact:

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## MOVING?



### **Before you withdraw your children from school!!**

- ◆ Contact the school district's social workers for homeless education for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her current school (contact information located on the front of brochure).
- ◆ Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.

### **Domestic Violence Information:**

Domestic Violence Crisis Line - 251-342-8994

Domestic Violence Prevention Information Line - 251-342-2809



*It Starts With Us*

You are not alone.  
We are here to HELP!

You may contact the school district's social workers for assistance with uniforms, supplies, community referrals (i.e. dental, medical, or mental health) and other support services (i.e. information about domestic violence, violence prevention and behavioral counseling).

### **National Center for Homeless Education Hotline:**

**1-800-308-2145**