

CASE Collaborative Mandated Legal Training 2023-2024

Mandated Reporter
Filing a 51A



The Law

What is:

M.G.L. - Chapter 119: Section 51A

- <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVII/Chapter119/Section51a>

You are a Mandated Reporter

- “Any person paid to care for or work with a child in any public or private facility are mandated reporters”
 - Public and private school teachers
 - Public and private school administrators
 - Guidance or family counselor
 - Social workers
 - Day care workers
 - ALL CASE Collaborative Employees

Mandated Reporter

- If you have reasonable cause to believe “that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from: (i) abuse inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare, including sexual abuse; (ii) neglect, including malnutrition; or (iii) physical dependence upon an addictive drug at birth”
- You must contact your respective Program Administrator who will “become responsible for notifying the department in the manner required by this section..”
- The Program Administrator will “immediately communicate with the department orally and, within 48 hours, shall file a written report with the department detailing the suspected abuse or neglect.

Definitions

- Abuse:

Abuse includes the non-accidental commission of any act which causes or creates substantial risk of physical or emotional injury, or the commission of a sex offense against a child as defined by the criminal laws of the Commonwealth, including: sexual contact with a child, child enticement, taking sexually explicit photographs of a child, disseminating harmful matter to a child, and engaging a child in prostitution.

Definitions

- Neglect:

Neglect includes failure, either deliberately through negligence or inability, to take actions necessary to provide a child with minimally adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, supervision, emotional stability or growth, or other essential care. This definition is not dependent upon location (i.e.. neglect can occur when a child is in an out-of-home or an in-home setting).

51A Filing Process

- If you suspect abuse or neglect:
 - Contact Program Administrator and/or counselor
- If you witness abuse or neglect:
 - Contact Program Administrator and/or counselor
- Program Administrator/Counselor will
 - Contact the Department of Children and Families
 - File necessary paperwork
 - Call the parent(s)/guardian(s)

Online Training

Each CASE Collaborative employee is to complete the online “**individual**” Mandated Report training. This training was created and made available by the Massachusetts Office of the Child Advocate to support schools and educators.

First, click on the following link:

<https://mandatedreportertraining.com/start-now/>

Online Training

At the following page, if you do NOT have an account, click “Register Now”, otherwise, click “Login”:

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Mandated Reporter Training website. The header includes the logo 'Mandated Reporter TRAINING' on the left and navigation links for 'Courses', 'Resources', 'Support', 'Login', and 'Start Now' on the right. The 'Login' button is highlighted with a red arrow. Below the header, the main heading is 'Start Now', followed by a paragraph: 'Get the Mandated Reporter Training you need. Whether you're an individual looking for a profession-specific course or an organization that needs to train a team, we have a solution for you.' There are two main content blocks. The first is 'I Am an Individual', which includes a person icon, a paragraph about taking training to learn how to identify and report suspected instances of abuse and neglect, and a 'Register Now' button. A red arrow points to this button. The second is 'I Am an Organization', which includes an organization icon, a paragraph about simplifying, streamlining, and tracking the training process for organizations of all sizes, and a 'Register Now' button.

Mandated Reporter TRAINING Courses ▾ Resources ▾ Support ▾ **Login** **Start Now**

Start Now

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I Am an Individual

Are you a mandated reporter? Take mandated reporter training to learn how to identify and report suspected instances of abuse and neglect.

Register Now

I Am an Organization

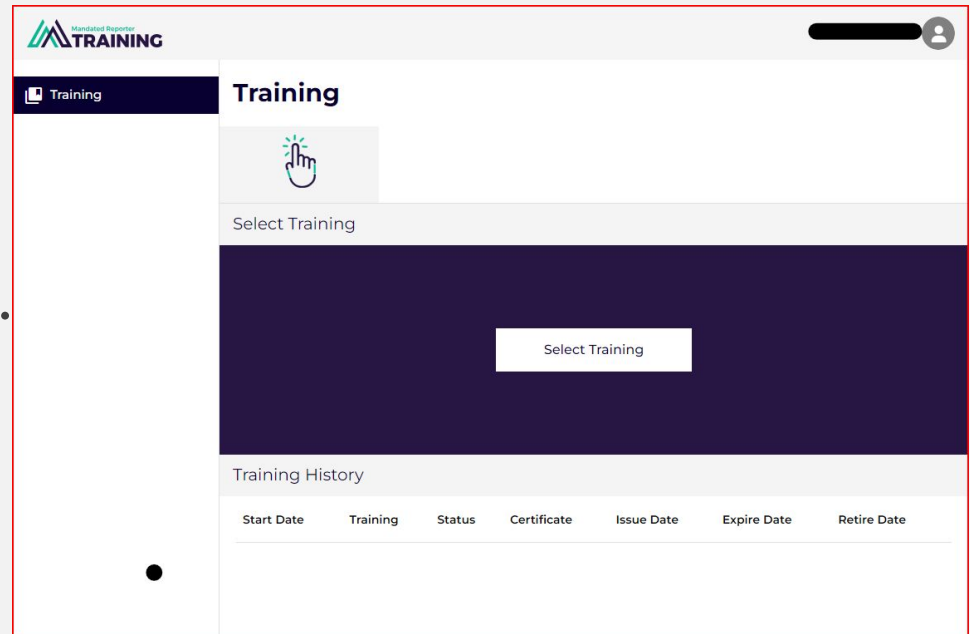
The Mandated Reporter Training platform helps simplify, streamline and track the training process for organizations of all sizes.

Register Now

Registration Process

When registering, you will be sent a verification email from: noreply@mandatedreportertraining.com. Click on the “Verify Email” link (in the email) within 24 hours to activate your account.

Once on the “Training” page, hit “Select Training”.



Select a Training

Select “Massachusetts” and the language you want to complete the training in. Then select “School Personnel”, then “Add Training”.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Select a Training". At the top, there are two dropdown menus: "State" with "Massachusetts" selected and "Language" with "English" selected. Below these are two training options: "General Training" (represented by a book icon) and "School Personnel" (represented by a pencil and paper icon). The "School Personnel" option is highlighted with a dark purple background and a checkmark in the top-left corner. A red arrow points from the "School Personnel" option to a dark blue "Add Training" button at the bottom.

Training

The screen below is where you will start your courses. You can check on you progress via this “Personnel” screen.

Mandated Reporter TRAINING

Personnel

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Remove Training

Pre-Assessment
0.3 hour | Not Started
Start Course

General Training
1.5 hours | Not Started
Start Course

School Personnel
1 hour | Not Started
Start Course

School Personnel Exam
0.5 hour | Not Started
Start Exam

Certificate Incomplete
Download Certificate

Training History

Start Date	Training	Status	Certificate	Issue Date	Expire Date	Retire Date
09/05/2023	School Personnel	Not Started	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Certificate – Completion

Upon completion of the course, please download the certificate and forward a copy to:

hr@casecollaborative.org

All Mandated Reporter Training must be completed within 30 days of receiving this notice from CASE Collaborative.