

Update on Child Maltreatment Mandated Reporter Training 2011-12

Notification on Requirements of Act 703

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) informed Arkansas state-supported colleges and universities of the legislative requirement for child maltreatment mandated reporter training in September 2007. Updated information on mandated reporting was provided to the colleges and universities and their Boards of Trustees in December 2011.

Implementation of Act 703

All institutions have signed a statement of assurance that all relevant degree programs will include appropriate child maltreatment reporter training as outlined in Act 703. ADHE has provided the institutions with a list of the occupations requiring the reporter training as identified in Act 749.

Most institutions have imbedded the training in existing courses and the training is conducted by faculty. Some institutions used the information and training provided by Sherry Williamson at the Arkansas Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence Commission. A few institutions provided the information during a required program internship, and others provided a group training session for all of the students in one program or occupational area.

The child maltreatment mandated reporter training was provided to students enrolled in nursing, health professions, social work, law enforcement, early childhood, and teacher education degree programs. Some institutions will share the legislative requirements during the Fall faculty orientation session.

Institutional Reporting and Agency Monitoring

ADHE will request annual institutional updates on mandated reporter training beginning in September 2014, and the ADHE Director will inform the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the institutional Boards of Trustees on the institutional training activities at the Annual Higher Education Trustees Conference.

The 2012 institutional assurance form template provided to the institutions by ADHE is included in this update. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was shared at the 2011 Trustees Conference also is attached to the update.

Additional details on the institutional reporter training activities can be obtained from the ADHE Academic Affairs Division or the Chief Academic Officers at the Arkansas colleges and universities.

**Institutional Assurance Form
Assurance of Child Maltreatment Reporter Training – 2011-12**

Act 703 of 2007 (Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-61-133) requires that Arkansas institutions of higher learning provide training in child maltreatment reporting for students enrolled in degrees that are a prerequisite for licensure or certification in a profession under the Child Maltreatment Act. Institutions must submit an assurance to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education that each graduate has received training in:

- Recognizing the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect;
- The legal requirements of the Child Maltreatment Act and the duties of mandated reporters under the Act;
- Methods for managing disclosures regarding child victims

The submission of this form (with attachments) serves as an assurance that all relevant degree programs at the institution have included and will include training in child maltreatment reporting that is appropriate. The occupations for the purpose of this Act are listed in Attachment 1 on page 2 of this assurance form. **Please indicate the relevant degree programs that include the training in child maltreatment reporting next to the occupations listed in Attachment 1.**

Chief Academic Officer Signature

Date

Print Name

Institution

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Attachment 1. Degrees that include training in child maltreatment reporting (as of May 2012)

The following is a list of mandated reporters as listed in A.C.A. §12-18-402. Please list beside each type of reporter the degrees offered by your institution.

Occupations of Reporters	Degree Title (Degree Code)
Child care worker or foster care worker	Example: CP in Early Childhood Development (DC 4919)
Coroner	
Day care Center Worker	
Dentist	
Dental Hygienist	
Domestic abuse advocate, shelter employee, volunteer	
Department of Human Services employee	
Employee working under contract for the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services	
Foster parent	
Judge	
Law enforcement official	
Licensed Nurse	
Medical personnel who may be engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons	
Mental Health professional	
Osteopath	
Peace officer	
Physician or surgeon	
Prosecuting attorney	
Resident intern	
School counselor	
School official	
Social worker	Example: Master of Social Work (DC 7100)
Teacher	
Court-appointed special advocate program staff member or volunteer	
Juvenile intake or probation officer	
Clergy	
Employee of a child advocacy center or child safety center	
Attorney ad litem	
Sexual abuse advocate or sexual abuse volunteer	
Rape crisis advocate or rape crisis volunteer	
Child abuse advocate or child abuse volunteer	
Victim/witness coordinator	
Victim assistance professional or victim assistance volunteer	
Employee of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police	
Other, list occupations	

Assurance of Child Maltreatment Reporter Training
Attachment 2

- 1. Indicate the designated individual responsible for insuring the child maltreatment reporter training is provided at your institution**

Name and position title of designated individual:

Position title for the designated individual's supervisor:

- 2. Describe how the Child Maltreatment Mandated Reporter Training is provided at your institution:**

Indicate how notification of training is disseminated (class session, e-mail, internet, etc.)

List the 1) dates of the training including the number of contact hours; 2) the types of training participants such as – students (degree area), school officials (administrative/program area); and 3) the individual(s)/position title(s) that conducted the training

Provide a copy of the training notices for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

- 3. If Child Maltreatment Reporter Training is included in a course, please indicate the course number and title**

Provide a copy of the course syllabus