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Policy Statement

MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

The California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, California Penal Code §§ 11164-11174.3 ("CANRA" or the "Act") identifies student clinicians as Mandated Reporters of child abuse or neglect due to their status as trainees in the speech pathology graduate program. From CSU Policy ID 6596436:

A Mandated Reporter should reasonably suspect child abuse or neglect whenever "it is objectively reasonable ... to entertain such a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing, when appropriate, on his or her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect." should discuss the concern at the very first with their Clinical Supervisor. The Clinical Supervisor must inform the designee in his/her absence, who will work with the clinician to follow as outlined below.

with a child under 16 years of age if the other person is at least ten years older than the child (Penal Code § 11165.1(a)(b)).

- Sexual exploitation, including acts relating to child pornography, child prostitution, or performances involving obscene sexual conduct by a child (Penal Code § 11165.1(c)).
- Statutory rape involving sexual intercourse between a child under 16 years of age and a person 21 years of age or older, which is also a form of “sexual assault” (Penal Code § 11165.1(a)).
- Neglect, meaning the negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by a parent, guardian or caretaker