**Section 102.63 Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect**

a) As mandated by the Abused and Neglected Child Report Act, Department staff are required to immediately report to the Department of Children and Family Services suspected abuse or neglect. A Report is to be filed when there is reason to believe a child may be an abused or neglected child or when information is received that a child may be an abused or neglected child. Abuse or neglect as defined by State law (Section 3 of the "Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act", Ill. Rev. Stat. 1983, ch. 23, par. 2053) and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Children and Family Services (89 Ill. Adm. Code 302: Subpart B), are reportable.

b) This reporting requirement applies to all Department staff. This includes income maintenance and any other staff who suspect that a child with whom they have had contact in a working capacity, is an abused or neglected child.

(Source: Amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 3730, effective March 13, 1985)