**Section 409.260 Reporting to the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline**

YTHP staff, including volunteers, shall report immediately all youth under age 18 by telephone to the Statewide Central Register of the Department of Children and Family Services if there is reasonable cause to suspect the child has been abused or neglected. A parent who refuses to accept care and custody of his/her child under age 18 and who refuses to make an alternative safe plan for the care of the child shall be reported for neglect. Any additional information that has not been previously reported during custody, adjudication or emancipation hearings shall be reported by staff within 24 hours after receiving allegations of abuse or neglect.