



City of Laguna Niguel Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement Form

State law required that any person who enters into employment on and after January 1, 1985, as a child care custodian, medical practitioner, or non-medical practitioner, or with a child protective agency, prior to commencing employment shall sign a statement that he or she has knowledge of the provisions of Section 11166 of the Penal Code and will comply with its provisions.

A mandated reporter shall make a report to an agency specified in Section 11165.9 whenever the mandated reporter, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. The mandated reporter shall make an initial report to the agency immediately or as soon as is practicably possible by telephone and the mandated reporter shall prepare and send, fax, or electronically transmit a written follow-up report thereof within 26 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. The mandated reporter may include with the report any non-privileged documentary evidence the mandated reporter possesses relating to the incident.

- “Reasonable suspicion” means that is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain 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.

Any report made by a mandated reporter pursuant to this section shall be known as a mandated report.

Any mandated reporter who fails to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect as required by this section is guilty of misdemeanor punishable by up to six months confinement in a county jail or by fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both that imprisonment and fine. If a mandated reporter intentionally conceals his or her failure to report an incident known by the mandated reporter to be abuse or severe neglect under this section, the failure to report is a continuing offense until an agency specified in Section 11165.9 discovers the offense.

The law also provides that a person who does report as required or who provides a child protective agency with access to a victim shall not be civilly or criminally liable for doing so.

I have read the above statement and will comply with the reporting requirements expressed therein.

Name (Print) _____

Name (Signature) _____ Date _____