

# CONNECTING CHILDREN TO HELP

## Who Do I Contact?

### If a Child is Acting Out

#### CALL CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES (CHINS) TEAM

##### CHILD'S BEHAVIORS MAY INCLUDE:

- Truant from school (youth is old enough to get self to and from school)
- Possession/use of tobacco and related products by youth ages 10-13
- Disobeying parents, or
- Running away

##### REFER TO THE CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES (CHINS) TEAM

1. **Complete** the referral form and learn more.  
Visit: [www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs/children-need-services](http://www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs/children-need-services)
2. **Submit referral form** by **Fax:** 701.328.0104 or **Email:** [chins@nd.gov](mailto:chins@nd.gov)

Staffed Monday-Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central Time  
(7 a.m.- 4 p.m. Mountain Time)

##### WHY MAKE A REFERRAL:

- Voluntarily connect children and families to helpful community services
- Divert children/youth from juvenile justice system

LEARN MORE: [NDCC 27-20.3](#)

### If a Person is Abusing or Neglecting a Child

#### CALL CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES (CPS) TEAM

##### A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR A CHILD'S WELFARE IS SUSPECTED OF:

- Abuse, causing physical injury
- Educational neglect, failure to make arrangements and/or provide for a child's education
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect, lack of supervision or care
- Sexual abuse

##### CONTACT CPS INTAKE TEAM

**Call:** 833.958.3500 toll-free, 711 (TTY)  
**Fax:** 701.328.0361

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##### LAW ENFORCEMENT OR MEDICAL PERSONNEL:

- If you need a Child Protection Worker to respond to your location immediately, contact your local Human Service Zone office directly.

LEARN MORE: [NDCC 50-25.1](#)

**IMPORTANT:**  
If it's an **EMERGENCY**  
and a child is in  
immediate danger,  
**CALL 911 NOW**