

Child Abuse and Neglect Information (English/Spanish) New child packet form  
(Revised January 2022)

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Dear Parent/Guardians:

We know you care about your children’s education, health and safety and want to protect them. We have provided the following information to support your efforts in protecting your children.

Addendum 1/12/2022:

All volunteers, parents, and parents who are employees are expected to disclose any pending criminal arrests or charges; or any convictions related to child sexual abuse and their disposition under this Sex Offender Policy. In addition, parents who are employees will fall under the employee background check requirements and any findings therein related to child sexual abuse or other child crimes, or from any other legal entity that provides such information will prohibit said person from being present in “protected areas” per state law, that have children in attendance under the age of 18 years old.

*Child Abuse and Neglect Policy*

What Parents Need to Know About Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

1. Idaho and Utah are “Mandatory Reporting States.”
  - a) Idaho law requires persons having reason to believe that a child under the age of eighteen (18) years has been abused, abandoned or neglected or who observes the child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse, abandonment or neglect shall report or cause to be reported within twenty-four (24) hours such conditions or circumstances to the proper law enforcement agency or the department. Failure to report as required in this section shall be a misdemeanor.
  - b) Utah law requires any person who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect to immediately notify the nearest Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Office, peace officer, or law enforcement agency. This requirement also applies to any person who observes a child being subjected to conditions that would result in abuse or neglect. Willful failure to obey this law constitutes a class “B” misdemeanor or is punishable by up to six months in jail and/or \$1,000.00 fine. Utah Code Ann 62A-42-411 (1994). The legal obligation to report suspected child abuse belongs to each individual.
  - c) Utah law states: A person is guilty of child abuse when he/she commits domestic violence in the presence of his/her children. Utah Ann. Code (76-5-109.1) states: A person is guilty of child abuse if he/she commits or attempts to commit criminal homicide in the presence of a child or intentionally causes serious bodily injury to a cohabitant or uses a dangerous weapon. The law goes on to explain that the child just has to be present in the home and hear an act of domestic violence to be considered child abuse which carries a class “A” misdemeanor penalty.

BEAR RIVER HEAD START IS A MANDATORY REPORTING AGENCY, and also is accountable to these laws.

Bear River Head Start has shared the above information with me/us.

Parent/Guardian Signatures \_\_\_\_\_