California state law Section 1165.7 of the Penal Code requires 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, shall be a mandated reporter and 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.

Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires that any mandated reporter such as a child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment, whom he or she is reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse to report the known suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone, and to prepare to send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. Any person who fails to report an instance of child abuse which he or she knows to exist or reasonably knows to exist, as required, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by confinement in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500) or by both.

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.

California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15630 requires that any person who assumes full or intermittent responsibility for the care or custody of an elder or dependent adult, whether or not he or she receives compensation, including administrators, supervisors, and any licensed staff of a public or private facility that provides care or services for elder or dependent adults, or any elder or dependent adult care custodian, health practitioner, clergy member, or employee of a county adult protective services agency or a local enforcement agency, is a mandated reporter and is required to acknowledge understanding of the requirements for reporting.

Mandated reporters who have observed or has knowledge of an incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect, or is told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has experienced abuse or reasonably suspects abuse that abuse of an elder or dependent adult has occurs shall report the known or suspected abuse by telephone or through a confidential internet reporting tool immediately or as soon as possible with a written report submitted within two (2) working days.

To view Section 15630 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, go to http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?codesection=wic.

I certify that I have read and understand the Child Abuse Reporting Requirement and the Elder / Adult Abuse Reporting Requirement and will comply with the reporting requirements expressed above.

Name ____________________________________________________________

Signature _________________________________________________________

Date ___________________________