

SEEKING RESPONSIBLE ADULTS

The island of Bermuda is looking for responsible adults to step forward and report cases of neglect to the appropriate authorities.

Did you know that neglect is the most common form of child abuse and often goes unreported? Whether it's educational, physical, medical or emotional neglect – each kind has detrimental and long lasting effects.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

- **Know the signs of neglect.**

Neglect is defined as:

"a substantial risk of physical, mental or emotional harm to the child by reason of neglect or the failure of the parent or person having parental responsibility to provide adequate food, clothing, medical treatment or accommodation for the child, and a person who leaves a child of tender years unattended for an unreasonable length of time without making reasonable provision for the child's safety and supervision shall be deemed to have neglected the child"

- **Report the neglect you are seeing.**

FOR SUPPORT:

CALL 232-1116

Family Centre

TO REPORT:

CALL 278-9111

Department of Child
& Family Services

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Every person** who has information indicating that a child is suffering or has suffered significant harm has a responsibility to report it to the Department of Child & Family Services.
- **Professionals** working with or in close contact with children have a legal responsibility to report child neglect. These positions include:
 - a) physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, psychologists or other health care professional;
 - b) school principals, teachers, counselors, social workers, youth or recreational leaders, members of the clergy or child care workers;
 - c) police officers, probation officers or youth care workers.

CLOSING DATE:

There is no end date for this position. It's our shared responsibility as a community to watch for the signs and report neglect.

Bermuda's children are our future.

If we aren't protecting them, who is?

For more information please visit:
www.tfc.bm/neglect



**NEGLECT IS ABUSE.
SEE IT. STOP IT.**

