Mid-Delta Head Start  
Policies & Procedures for Reporting  
Child Abuse and/or Neglect

According to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, child abuse and neglect is defined as the physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, negligent treatment, or maltreatment of a child under the age of eighteen (18) by a person who is responsible for the child’s welfare under circumstances which indicate that the child’s health or welfare is harmed or threatened thereby.

The staff and volunteers at ___________________________ are required by law to report all suspected cases of child abuse and/or neglect. All staff and volunteers are mandated reporters under the Child Abuse Law. Suspected cases will then be reported to the Hotline (1-800-482-5964) and to the Child Care Licensing Unit. Also any suspected licensing violations will be reported to Child Care Licensing Unit.

Children may be subjected to interviews by licensing staff; child maltreatment investigators and/or law enforcement officials for the purpose of determining licensing compliance or for investigative purposes. (Child interviews do not require parental notice or consent.)

Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ______________________

Staff Signature ___________________________ Date ______________________