DETECTING CHILD ABUSE IN A REMOTE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE

› Hyper-vigilant of their surroundings
› A child recoiling or bracing from a hand
› Extreme changes in grooming
› Rapid weight loss or a frail appearance
› No smiling or vocalization
› An adult hovering/intimidating
› An adult engaging in harsh physical discipline
› Attempts to hide bruising or injuries with clothing or dim lighting
› After consistently video chatting during online instruction, the student switches to a head shot or emoji

WHAT YOU MIGHT HEAR

› An explanation of bruises that are typical of abuse vs. bruises commonly seen from accidents
› A parent or caregiver shouting insults or chaotic fighting and screaming in the background
› A parent or caregiver using abusive language toward the child and/or other children in the home
› Statements from students regarding being “scared” or “not wanting to be at home”

REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Have the following information ready to share:
› Demographic information of the victim(s)
› Type of abuse or neglect suspected
› Detect if the victim is in imminent danger
› Location of the victim and caregivers
› Determine if a protective caregiver is present
› The alleged perpetrator has access to the victim
› General functioning of victim and caregivers
› Any safety threats for first responders

IF YOU SEE OR SUSPECT CHILD ABUSE YOU MUST REPORT IT.

WEST VIRGINIA CENTRALIZED INTAKE FOR ABUSE AND NEGLECT
TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE HOTLINE TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT: 800-352-6513

Visit wvde.us/reclaimwv for help hotlines and more information related to trauma, substance misuse, and mental health.