

Senate Bill 1515 Update

To: DHS All-Staff
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We are now more than 30 days into the implementation of Senate Bill 1515. While the work to refine the notification process continues, designated staff remain busy taking calls, responding to and logging emails and providing notifications as the law requires.

So far our notifications staff has logged more than 175 reports and about 50 of those reports are from DHS employees. Most of the reports involve allegations of neglect. Reports are also coming in from across the state.

There is still a little confusion about reporting. I want to remind you that your obligation as always is to call the hotline (1-855-503-SAFE) whenever you suspect any abuse and or neglect has occurred. This has not changed.

What is different? ***DHS staff must report information to the CCA reports email box cca.reports@dhs.ohs.state.or.us or call 1-503-945-6843*** when staff have reasonable cause to believe that a CCA is violating a licensing or contractual standard possibly placing a child at risk. Some examples include concern that a CCA isn't providing personal hygiene products for the children or youth it serves or a window has been broken at a facility for an extended period of time possibly posing a risk to clients and staff.

Another clarification, if a child or youth in a CCA goes missing or leaves the facility without permission (runaway) please follow current reporting procedure and call law enforcement. If the report includes information that is concerning about the CCA or proctor foster home, for example the child ran because he/she didn't feel safe in that placement, as a DHS staff, you must make a report to the DHS notifications staff.

More staff training is also on the way. Soon we will have a training available through the learning center. The informational slideshow will be dedicated to SB 1515 and your obligations as a DHS employee. Please stay tuned for more information on how and when to enroll.

You are appreciated.

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