

LICENSEE SEEKING MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING UNDER ACT 31
RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION AND REPORTING

In regards to the mandated reporter training now required under Act 31 of 2014, the Board is aware of only one DPW-approved training provider – the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance. More information regarding PFSA mandated reporter training is available on their website at the following link:

http://www.pa-fsa.org/mandated_reporters/mandated_reporter_training.aspx.

As additional providers are approved, the Board will provide updated information to applicants and licensees on its website.

The Board has also been informed that the Department of Public Welfare, in conjunction with University of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center, is in the process of developing a 3-hour online training program which will be offered free of charge to assist individuals in complying with the training requirements under Act 31. They anticipate the program will be ready to be released by late November of 2014. Again, as more information becomes available, the Board will provide updates on its website.

ENTITIES SEEKING APPROVAL TO PROVIDE TRAINING UNDER ACT 31
RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION AND REPORTING

Individuals, organizations and entities that wish to apply for DPW-approval to provide mandated reporter training relating to child abuse recognition and reporting requirements under Act 31 should contact the Department of Public Welfare’s Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) at RA-PWOCYFCPSL@pa.gov, or by mail to Cindi Horshaw, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Room 103, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs is currently developing a process for individuals, organizations and entities that wish to apply for Board approval to provide continuing education to licensees relating to child abuse recognition and reporting requirements under Act 31. More information regarding the approval process will be posted on the Board’s website as it becomes available. Please note that those individuals, organizations and entities that receive DPW-approval to provide a course in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements do not need to apply separately for Board approval.