Exploring the Puddle

Early Learning Centre

Policy 21.0

ABUSE

The Child, Family, and Community Service Act states that "all children in B.C. are entitled to be protected from abuse, neglect, and harm or threat of harm."

Procedure:

- 1. Employees are required to report any suspected abuse (physical, mental, emotional, sexual, and neglect) to the ministry (MCFD).
- 2. The employee will document any events that involve suspected abuse (including notes and pictures).
- 3. The child's best interest is always kept in mind. All documentation will be put in the child's file. This information, along with all personal information will be kept confidential between staff, the families and if necessary MCFD.
- 4. Should a case be brought to MCFD we are required to follow their protocol.