

REPORT NEGLECT

SUPPORT POVERTY-RELATED NEEDS

KNOW WHEN TO REPORT

KNOW HOW TO SUPPORT

EXAMPLES OF NEGLECT:
Suspected neglect should always be reported.

EXAMPLES OF POVERTY-RELATED NEEDS:

HOW TO SUPPORT POVERTY-RELATED NEEDS:



BASIC NEEDS
FOOD & SHELTER

- Child consistently goes without food for long periods.
- Unsafe or unsanitary living conditions that are life-threatening.
- Intentional refusal to provide shelter.

- Family lacks money to buy sufficient food for the month.
- Temporary homelessness due to job loss.
- Inadequate housing caused by financial struggles.

- Connect family to food pantries, rental assistance programs, and housing resources.



CLOTHING

- Child lacks appropriate clothing for severe weather (e.g., no winter coat during freezing conditions).

- Family cannot afford new clothes or shoes due to limited finances.

- Refer to community donation programs or clothing drives.



MEDICAL CARE

- Caregiver refuses necessary medical care for a serious illness or injury.
- Consistent failure to seek treatment for life-threatening conditions.

- Family cannot afford insurance or transportation to access medical care.
- Missed appointments due to work schedule or childcare issues.

- Connect family to Medicaid, local clinics, or transportation assistance programs.



SUPERVISION

- Young child left alone for extended periods without care.
- Intentional lack of supervision placing the child in danger (e.g., near open flames or unsafe areas).

- Parent is working multiple jobs or lacks childcare support.
- Child occasionally left alone briefly due to work constraints.

- Refer to affordable childcare resources or family support programs.