

PA Act 126- Child Abuse Recognition and Mandated Reporting

As of January 2, 2013, Act 126 requires that all school entities and independent contractors of school entities, including contracted substitute teachers, who have direct contact with children complete a three hour training every five years on child abuse recognition and mandated reporting.

This training must include the following components to comply with Act 126:

1. Recognition of the signs of abuse and sexual misconduct and reporting requirements for suspected abuse and sexual misconduct in this Commonwealth
2. Provisions of the "Professional Educator Discipline Act", including mandatory reporting requirements
3. Maintenance of professional and appropriate relationships with students

The Child Welfare Resource Center and Continuing Education Program at the University of Pittsburgh offer a free online training module that addresses the components required by Act 126. A certificate can be printed at the conclusion of the training module. *Please print the certificate of completion and submit it to your building administrator once you have finished the module.*

Instructions for accessing the online training module follow:

1. Go to: https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab_group_id=21
2. Click the **Registration** tab.
3. Enter all required registration information, then click **Submit**.
 - a. Respond "No" to the last question, "Are you Licensed or applying for a license through one of the following Pennsylvania boards?"
4. The system will generate a username and password for you. Record your login credentials.
5. Next, go back to:
https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab_group_id=21
6. Click the **Welcome** tab, and login to the system using the credentials issued to you.
7. In the top left cell, you will see **rrca-1094: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse** listed under **Your Courses**.
8. On the next page, click the name of the course to launch it.

Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse  **Click Here!**

If you need to take a break during the course, you will be able to save your work and resume it at a later time.

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