## TIP SHEFT FOR MANDATED REPORTERS SUBMITTING REPORTS ON THE WEB INTAKE

- Start at the top of the page with this question: Are you reporting an incident that happened to an adult or a child? required
- Alleged perpetrator refers to the person suspected to have caused harm to a child or adult.
- Alleged victim refers to the child or adult suspected to be harmed.
- In a child report, please add parents or care givers of the child in the "Other Possible Participant Information" section.
- It improves the readability of the final printed report if all the text entered by the reporter is in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.
- The web intake information must be completed in 90 minutes or the information will be lost.
- Please do not use abbreviations.
- In the "Incident Information" section, the 8 questions with narrative boxes have a limit of 600 characters.
- The web intake will not allow attachments added to be. Please see the directions for sending attachments on the "welcome page" above the warning banner.

## **GUIDE FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS**

"What are the circumstances surrounding the suspected abuse/neglect/exploitation?"

- How did the injury occur (i.e., were any objects or instruments used?)
- Has this happened before? (If yes, please describe including when it occurred.)

"What information do you have on the victim's functioning on a day-to-day basis?" (For child reports only)

- Does this child have any disabilities, mental health, communication, behavioral, or any special needs?
- How does this child function according to his or her age?
- How is this child doing in school?

"What information do you have about the parent's discipline approaches?" (For child reports only)

- How are the children in the home disciplined?
- What is the purpose of the discipline? (Child guidance, teaching, or power and control)
- When is the discipline used?

"What information do you have about how the caregiver functions on a day-to-day basis?" (For child reports only)

- Is the caregiver experiencing significant stress or are they overwhelmed? (If yes, what is causing the stress and how are they coping?)
- Does this caregiver have any disabilities, mental health, alcohol or substance abuse or any special needs?