STANDARD: Written policy, procedure and practice shall provide for the reporting of all instances of suspected child abuse and or neglect in accordance with state and federal requirements. This includes suspected cases of physical, mental, emotional or sexual abuse.

Child abuse and or neglect reports shall be made regardless of where the abuse occurred. Reports of suspected child abuse shall be to any Division for Children and Families (DCF) office or to the Kansas Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-5330 or online at http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/pps/Pages/KIPS/KIPSWebIntake.aspx. The identity of the mandatory reporter is held confidential, although exceptions do apply under law. The Community Supervision Agency shall not conduct an investigation of any allegation of suspected abuse. The child protection investigator shall be responsible for all investigations. This shall not prevent the Community Supervision Agency from conducting an internal investigation involving employee misconduct.

K.S.A. 38-2223(e) provides it is not a defense to a charge of failure to report that another mandatory reporter made a report. Because failure to report is a class B misdemeanor, all allegations of abuse/neglect should be reported by Community Supervision Agency staff regardless of whether or not the allegation was previously reported.

DISCUSSION: None.