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DATE: April 16, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training Curriculum Guidelines**

The *Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training Curriculum Guidelines* were developed in 2003 in compliance with the [Code of Virginia § 22.1-298.1](#), which requires all persons seeking initial licensure or licensure renewal to complete a study in child abuse recognition and intervention. The Board of Education adopted revisions to the *Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training Curriculum Guidelines* in March 2021, which included updates to reflect changes to legislation relating to child abuse and neglect, reorganization of learning objectives for clarity purposes, and alignment with current terminologies and best practices. The updated version of the guidelines is available on the Virginia Department of Education's [Child Abuse and Neglect webpage](#).

The *Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training Curriculum Guidelines* approved by the Board of Education serves as the basis for all professional development training in child abuse recognition and intervention. Included with the curriculum guidelines are resources that may be helpful as training is planned. School divisions may design their own training or utilize other training opportunities. Contact your local Department of Social Services (DSS) office as a training resource or to work collaboratively to plan training, or explore the Virginia DSS [Mandated Reporters - Training and Resources](#).

For more information

For questions related to the guidelines, please contact Quyen Duong, Student Services Specialist, Office of Student Services, at Quyen.Duong@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 786-0720.

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