

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §49-2-801

## Part VIII. Reports of Children Suspected of Abuse

### **§49-2-801. Purpose.**

It is the purpose of this article through the complete reporting of child abuse and neglect:

- (1) To protect the best interests of the child;
- (2) To offer protective services in order to prevent any further harm to the child or any other children living in the home;
- (3) To stabilize the home environment, to preserve family life whenever possible;
- (4) To promote adult responsibility for protecting children; and
- (5) To encourage cooperation among the states to prevent future incidents of child abuse and neglect and in dealing with the problems of child abuse and neglect.