

# **Child Abuse/Neglect Policy**

Unfortunately, this is a topic that must be addressed in today's society. Koinonia's staff will not knowingly allow any form of sexual, physical or emotional abuse of any child that is in our care. Koinonia is mandated to report any suspicions that they may have regarding abuse of any kind.

## **Child Abuse is defined as:**

A child who has had:

- Non-accidental physical injuries inflicted upon him
- Injuries which are at variance with the history given of them
- Is in a condition, which is the result of maltreatment, such as, but not limited to: malnutrition, sexual exploitation, and deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment.

## **Child Neglect is defined as:**

A Child who has been:

- Abandoned
- Denied proper care and attention physically, educationally, emotionally or morally
- Allowed to live under circumstances, conditions or associations injurious to his well being.

The management of this program supports a zero tolerance for abuse and neglect and will implement immediate action should there be an allegation that a staff member abused or neglected a child. The administration will protect the child, including immediate notification of a parent or guardian, once there is an allegation of abuse or neglect of a child in our program. The best way to handle such issues is openly and honestly to avoid any possible misunderstandings. We are all here to do what is best for the children.

*If there are any questions regarding the Child Abuse and Neglect Policy please feel free to discuss them with Dianne Brown, Director.*