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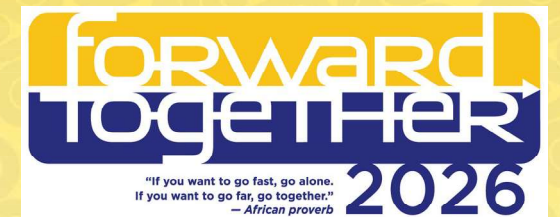
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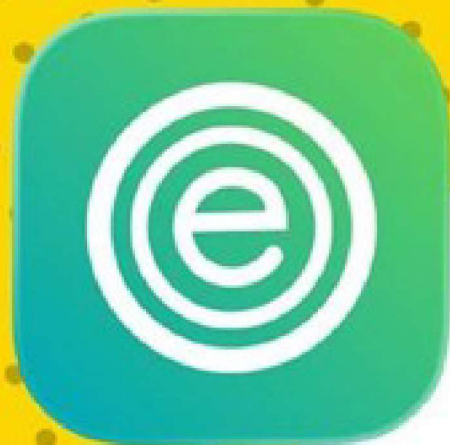


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MANDATED TO REPORT: COLORADO'S HB25-1188 AND THE FUTURE OF CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Presented by: Eric Hall & Julie Petersen
February 27, 2026



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Abuse v. Neglect



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Statutory Exception: Discipline



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Other definitions: Child, Custodian, and School



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Duty to Report Child Abuse or Neglect

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Immunity



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More Key Changes Made by HB25-1188

The image shows two overlapping forms titled "SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT (Pursuant to Penal Code section 11166)" from the State of California Department of Justice. The forms are partially obscured by a large, red, distressed-style stamp that reads "MANDATED REPORTING" in bold, capital letters. The stamp is centered over the forms and has a circular, seal-like appearance. The forms themselves contain various fields for reporting child abuse, including sections for the reporting party, victim information, and incident details. A watermark "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" is visible on the forms. At the bottom of the forms, there is a list of "ETHNICITY CODES" with numbers 1 through 31 corresponding to different ethnic groups.

ETHNICITY CODES			
1 American Indian	6 Caribbean	11 Guamanian	16 Korean
2 American Indian	7 Central American	12 Hawaiian	17 Laotian
3 Asian Indian	8 Chinese	13 Hispanic	18 Mexican
4 Black	9 European	14 Filipino	19 Other Asian
5 Cambodian	10 Filipino	15 Japanese	20 Other Pacific Islander
			21 Other Pacific Islander
			22 Polynesian
			23 Samoan
			24 South American
			25 Vietnamese
			26 White
			27 White-Armenian
			28 White-Central American
			29 White-European
			30 White-Middle Eastern
			31 White-Romanian



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Confidentiality of Child Abuse Reports



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Who has access to reports?



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