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[TITLE THIRTY-THREE. Human Services](#)  
[PART 3. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH](#)  
[CHAPTER 49. Child Welfare Services](#)  
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[§ 4914 Nature and content of report; to whom made](#)

A report shall be made orally or in writing to the commissioner of social and rehabilitation services or designee. The commissioner or designee shall request the reporter to follow the oral report with a written report. Reports shall contain the name and address of the reporter as well as the names and addresses of the child and the parents or other persons responsible for the child's care, if known; the age of the child; the nature and extent of the child's injuries together with any evidence of previous abuse and neglect of the child or the child's siblings; and any other information that the reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries or reasons for the neglect as well as in protecting the child and assisting the family. If a **report** of **child abuse** or neglect involves the acts or omissions of the commissioner of social and rehabilitation services or employees of that department, then such **reports** shall be directed to the secretary of the agency of human services who shall cause the **report** to be investigated by staff of the departments of developmental and mental health services, corrections or other appropriate staff other than staff of the department of social and rehabilitation services. If the report is substantiated, services shall be offered according to the requirements of section 4915 of this title.

-- Added 1981, No. 207 (Adj. Sess.), § 1, eff. April 25, 1982; amended 1989, No. 187 (Adj. Sess.), § 5; No. 295 (Adj. Sess.), § 4; 1995, No. 174 (Adj. Sess.), § 3.

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## NOTES, REFERENCES, AND ANNOTATIONS

### History

Codification. Pursuant to 1989, No. 148 (Adj. Sess.), § 2(e), the amendment to former 3 V.S.A. § 684 by 1989, No. 295 (Adj. Sess.), § 4, was incorporated in the text of this section.

Amendments-- 1995 (Adj. Sess.). Substituted "developmental and mental health services" for "mental health and mental retardation".

-- 1989 (Adj. Sess.). Act No. 187 inserted "and mental retardation" following "mental health" in the fourth sentence.

Act No. 295 deleted "his" preceding "designee" in the first and second sentences, substituted "the" for "his" preceding "parents" and "the child's" for "his" following "responsible for" and preceding "siblings" in the third sentence, and added "of this title" at the end of the fifth sentence.

Prior law. 33 V.S.A. § 684.

### Annotations

Cited. Cited in [Peck v. Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. \(1985\) 146 Vt. 61, 499 A.2d 422](#); [LaShay v. Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services \(1993\) 160 Vt. 60, 625 A.2d 224](#); [Wilkinson v. Russell, 182 F.3d 89](#)

[\(2d Cir. 1999\)](#), cert. denied, [528 U.S. 1155, 120 S. Ct. 1160, 145 L. Ed. 2d 1072 \(2000\)](#).

33 V.S.A. § 4914, VT ST T. 33 § 4914

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