

New Hope Community Church

Mandated Reporter Policy for the Elders and Ministry Staff

At New Hope Community Church in Potsdam, NY all Pastors and Ministry Staff agree to serve as Mandated Reporters who report suspected child abuse or maltreatment when they are presented with a reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment in a situation where a child, parent, or other person legally responsible for the child is before the mandated reporter when the mandated reporter is acting in his or her official or professional capacity. "Other person legally responsible" refers to a guardian, caretaker, or other person 18 years of age or older who is responsible for the care of the child.

[Broader context of this policy is available here.](#)