

Safe and Sound @ Home Cincinnati

Our Days Look Different.

Child abuse and domestic violence are underreported in normal times. During these stressful times, children and their caregivers are at greater risk.

Together, we can build safety nets for family and friends.



What can we do?

Check in on families with children. Schedule phone calls, video calls, and virtual play dates. Communicate through social media. Ask meaningful questions.

What can we see?

While we can't visit in person right now, watch for:

- Changes in behavior—kids appear sad, anxious or withdrawn
- A caregiver who is withdrawing from their support system
- Any signs of injury

Questions we can ask adults:

- How are things going at home?
- Do you have any safety concerns?
- Are you worried about anything?
- Can you access what you need to get by?
- How are your kids doing right now?

Questions we can ask kids:

- How are things going at home?
- Are you feeling OK?
- How is everyone in your house getting along? Is there something or someone that you are worried about?

If you are concerned about child abuse or neglect, you can call: Hamilton County Jobs & Family Services (HCJFS), 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 513-241-5437 (241-KIDS).

What happens when I call? If you are not someone who is required by law to report child abuse (such as a teacher or doctor), you may report anonymously. A report of suspected child abuse and neglect is confidential, and your identity will not be released. You will be asked a series of questions to help inform what happens next. A case worker may follow up with an assessment to gather more information through interviews, observations, home visits and reports. HCJFS will then make a decision on how to proceed to keep children safe.

At all times, the safety of the child or children is the primary concern. Learn more at:
www.hcjfs.org/services/child-protection

If you are at risk of causing harm to your child:

- Call a friend or family member or utilize other peer support
- Call a pediatrician and use telehealth services
- Take a break
- Place infants in a crib and step away
- Call 1-800-4-A-CHILD or TXT Connect to 741741

Domestic violence is also on the rise right now. In Hamilton County, discuss concerns for domestic violence with Women Helping Women (513-381-5610) and the YWCA (513-872-9259).

National organizations For Child Abuse:
Child Help's National Child Abuse Hotline:
1-800-4-A-CHILD

For Domestic Violence:
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233