

CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION AND REPORTING

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 2016 RENEWAL PERIOD

Effective January 1, 2015, all funeral directors are required to complete the Department of Human Services (DHS) approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure. All initial applicants are required to complete the 3 hour course and all current licensees are required to complete the 2 hour course for renewal of their license.

At their September 23, 2015 meeting, the State Board of Funeral Directors voted to accept the 3 hour child abuse recognition course as part of a licensee's required 6 hours of continuing education for his or her biennial renewal even though only a 2-hour child abuse recognition course is required. Therefore, if a licensee has taken a 3-hour child abuse recognition and reporting requirement course, the licensee is only required to complete 3 more continuing education hours to meet the required 6 hours of continuing education.