Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires any child-care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of the child-protection agency who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practicably possible by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

"Child care custodian" includes teachers, administrative officers, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, or certificated pupil personnel employees of any public or private school; administrators of a public or private day camp; licensed to care for children; headstart teachers; licensing workers or institution including (but not limited to) foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities; and social workers or probation officers.

"Medical practitioner" includes physicians and surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, speech pathologists, audiologists, or any other persons who are licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code.

Speech-Language Pathologists are considered by the state of California to be “mandated reporters.” Students who suspect physical, sexual or other child abuse should discuss the concern at the very first available opportunity with their Clinical Instructor. The Clinical Instructor must call Child Protective Services or Adult Protective Services and inform Risk Management on campus immediately if the concern is valid and follow up with a written report on the incident.

For Alameda County, the number to call is 510-259-1800.