

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**CHILDREN SERVICES' LOCAL ABUSE HOTLINE DOWN, CALL 1-800-233-KIDS**

**Canton, Ohio** - Stark County Children Services' local abuse hotline (330-455-KIDS) is temporarily down. Those who need to report abuse or neglect should call 1-800-233-KIDS (5437). This number is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

To make a report of abuse or neglect, callers should be prepared to provide a description of alleged abuse and the current location of the child. An intake social worker will ask you a series of questions about your concerns and request the following information:

- Your name and phone number, or you may choose to remain anonymous
- Family's name and address
- Non-custodial parent's name and address
- Name(s) of child(ren) in the home
- Date(s) of birth or age(s)
- School(s) and Grade(s)
- Explanation for concerns of abuse and neglect
- School attendance, grades, behaviors of child(ren)

Due to the sensitive and urgent content, suspected cases of child abuse and neglect should **not** be reported through social media pages such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

For additional information about reporting abuse and neglect, please visit [StarkJFS.org](https://www.starkjfs.org).

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