Joint Hearing on S.9 January 21, 2015

Acronyms List

AG: Attorney General

AHS: Agency of Human Services

CAPTA: Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

CHINS: Child in Need of Care or Supervision

CCO: Conditional Custody Order

CIU: Central Intake Unit

DCF: Department for Children and Families

DG: Defender General

ESP: Emergency Services Program (serves as CIU after normal working hours)FSD:

Family Services Division

FSDNet: database where reports of abuse and neglect are recorded

JPA: Juvenile Judicial Proceedings Act (33 V.S.A. § 5106)

MDT: Multi-Disciplinary Team

SA: State's Attorney

SIU: Special Investigations Unit

VCIC: Vermont Crime Information Center VCAB: Vermont Citizens Advisory Board

Mandated Reporters List

Health care workers, social workers, educators, law enforcement officers, camp owners, and clergy are required to report child abuse and neglect to DCF. Specifically, 33 V.S.A. § 4913 lists mandated reporters as:

- Physicians and medical workers, including osteopaths, chiropractors, physician assistants, nurses, EMS personnel, dentists, and mental health professionals.
- Child care workers and social workers, including DCF workers.
- Educators, including teachers, principals, and administrators.
- Law enforcement officers.
- Camp owners, administrators, and counselors.
- Clergy.