BOARD POLICY # HR 24.00 Northwest Florida State College



TITLE: Protection of Vulnerable Persons

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PURPOSE OF POLICY

Ensure the responsibility for all persons to report incidents of sexual or child abuse.

Local Language

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that the College shall provide a safe environment for all faculty, staff, students, volunteers and other guests at College locations, events, or functions. Child abuse, abandonment, or neglect committed on the property of the College or during an event or function sponsored by the College shall not be condoned or tolerated.

College administrators are required to report any known or suspected information from faculty or staff regarding known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect committed on the property of the College or during an event or function sponsored by the College. College administrators are prohibited from knowingly or willfully preventing another person from making such a report.

The President shall establish procedures to implement this policy.

Definitions

<u>Vulnerable person</u>: A person under 18 years of age.

<u>College administrator</u>: An employee of the Executive Council as appointed by the President.