

Rilya Wilson Act Reporting Requirements

This law requires coordination by the staff of various departments and the Community-Based Care Provider staff with local education or child care providers. This activity is required by law and is designed to ensure the safety and well-being of specified children who are receiving funds for child care services.

This law provides priority for child care services for specified children who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. **These children are also known as BG1 or Protective Services children.**

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- Protective services children **MUST** be enrolled to participate 5 days per week.
- Protective services children **MAY NOT** be withdrawn without prior written approval from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or Big Bend Community Based Care (BBCBC).

Who do I call when an at-risk child is absent?

If a Protective Services child has an **excused or unexcused** absence, the childcare provider **MUST** notify the appropriate community based care staff listed below.

Leon County: Stephanie Robinson (850) 488-0506
Wakulla County: Beverly Johnson (850) 926-0024
Jefferson County: Rochelle Robinson (850) 488-0506
Gadsden/Liberty County: Yoncee Wood(850) 627-1243
Madison/Taylor County: Rosemary Hunt or Lila Pridgeon (386) 364-7444

If a Protective Services child is absent for 2 consecutive days with no contact from the parent, or has seven consecutive excused absences, the childcare provider must notify the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region staff listed below.

Laurie Kirk (850) 385-0504

If you are not sure if you have a child who falls under these reporting requirements, contact the Early Learning Coalition at (850)385-0504.

If the provider does not fulfill this responsibility to make contact with Protective Services and the Coalition, the provider will not be eligible for placement of additional Protective Services children.