

Worker Douglas Ogden reported and removed

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Dear Minnesota and Iowa Friends,

This letter is to inform you that an allegation of CSA has been made against Douglas Ogden. It has been reported to Child Protective Services this past week, as mandated by law. Douglas is no longer in the work. He is currently with his mother in Colorado and will not be attending meetings or be around children during the investigation. The Colorado overseer has been notified of the situation. Douglas Ogden has labored in Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota.

If you suspect that a child or juvenile is being sexually abused, please report it to the authorities.

Reporting suspected child abuse. If you are unsure as to whether you should report; the professionals at these resources can help you answer that as well. It's important to understand that if you report suspected CSA, Child Protective Services will ask for the reporter's name but will not release it--that remains confidential. The reason for the confidentiality is to remove people's reservations to report suspected abuse and protect the alleged victim(s) identity from any potential retaliation, harassment, or judgment.

If you or someone you know is in immediate risk of harm call 911 or local law enforcement.

If you or someone you know experienced CSA but are safe from immediate harm, you can contact Child Protection Services by calling:

In Iowa:

Contact the child abuse hotline at 1-800-362-2178

In MN:

Contact the number listed for the county where the child resides or the allegation occurred. When you reach the number, state that you are making a child protection

report the professional taking the call will walk you through the information that they will need to begin an investigation.

<https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/services/child-protection/contact-us/>

Another helpful link:

[How to Report Child Abuse](#)

If you have reported CSA to the authorities and the allegation(s) are made against someone within our fellowship, please inform one of us so we can take the appropriate steps so the reported individual does not attend any meetings per the current MN/IA policy regarding child sexual abuse. You can also speak with any elder or worker with whom you are comfortable.

We acknowledge that reporting CSA is challenging, especially for the victim-survivors of the abuse. We are grateful to those who have stepped forward to help keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

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