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YMCA OF CENTRAL NEW YORK WORKPLACE SAFETY & CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING 2026	
TRAINING TOPIC	TRAINING MONTH
Y-USA Reporting	February

In December 2019, Y-USA's National Board of Directors voted to add a new reporting requirement for Y associations to the 11th qualification for membership in the National Council of YMCAs.

#### **Child Abuse Prevention**

- Allegations and/or criminal charges of child abuse, **child sexual exploitation or child sexual misconduct involving a current or former YMCA staff person, volunteer or member** (includes incidents related to the YMCA and outside of the YMCA).
- Allegations of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual misconduct **between youth participants** in attendance at a YMCA and/or enrolled in YMCA activities. Child-on-child sexual abuse is differentiated from normative sexual play or anatomical curiosity and exploration as child-on-child sexual abuse is overt, deliberate and a nonconsensual act (unless otherwise defined in your state).

#### **Aquatics**

- Drowning resulting in a death.
- Aquatic events requiring rescue breathing, lifesaving skills and/or AED use.

**By collecting this data at the national office, Y-USA can better identify related trends in our YMCAs and, in response, continue to strengthen child protection and aquatic safety resources and best practices.** Y-USA also can create a baseline to track progress and ensure improvement over time, and better connect YMCAs dealing with these difficult situations to Y-USA, network partners and our expert partners.

Keeping our members and program participants—especially children—safe is critical to the success of each YMCA, and to preserving the reputation of the Y. With the increased attention on child sexual abuse in recent years, it has become the norm for national, federated organizations like ours to collect this information.

Many Ys already share this information with Y-USA, and Ys should be able to easily add this step to existing response plans for abuse allegations and aquatics events. Similar to reporting requirements mandated by state and local laws, this information must be shared with Y-USA within 24 hours of learning of the issue. **(Reporting to Y-USA does not replace state and local reporting requirements.)**

Below is the link to report information to Y-USA:

[Y-USA Reporting](#)

**SUPERVISORS:** You will be responsible for reporting this information with the staff member who reported the information. Please reach out to Meg Davis, Association Director of Program Excellence for support and when a report may need to be filed. [mdavis@ymcacny.org](mailto:mdavis@ymcacny.org)