# **CHILD ABUSE**

#### **Decision Tree**

CLIENT MENTIONS POSSIBLE ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD

THERAPIST RESTATES DUTY TO REPORT

#### THERAPIST OBTAINS NECESSARY INFORMATION

- ✓ Victims name, age, gender, & address
- ✓ Perpetrator's name, age, gender, & address
- ✓ Does perpetrator still have access to the victim?
- ✓ Nature of the abuse or neglect
- ✓ Duration and last known occurrence of violation
- ✓ Where did the violation occur?

### THERAPIST CREATES A PLAN OF ACTION

- ✓ Notify Larimer County Child Protection: 498-6990
- ✓ If violation is in progress, notify law endorement for immediate response: 911

THERAPIST CALLS DIRECTLY

Client calls Child Protection agency with therapist as direct witness

## Client Assessment: - Determine

- ✓ Client's involvement
- ✓ Emotional stability
- ✓ Non-violence contract
- ✓ Individual and family support system
- ✓ Treatment plan

Document notification in client records & Notify your supervisor!