

## Mandated Reporting, AVP, and California State Law

AVP California Policy statement as of July 8, 2020

To clarify the position of AVP California, the Steering Committee does not require facilitators to be trained as Mandated Reporters, nor, considering the clients with whom we typically volunteer, should we consider ourselves or announce ourselves as mandated reporters. The target groups that Mandated Reporter training protects are victims of:

**Child abuse and neglect**

**Elder and dependent adult abuse**

**Domestic violence**

And the people required to take Mandated Reporter Training are paid professional employees or contractors. This topic is not covered in CDCR training for volunteers. Local AVP councils who work in the schools with participants under the age of 18 or in care homes for dependent adults and the elderly might want to consider their unique circumstances and respond accordingly if they are paid employees or employ paid personnel.

Please note: CDCR requires AVP outside facilitators who volunteer regularly in prisons to receive specific CDCR training as outlined in the CDCR volunteer policy. That required training covers the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and includes the requirements for reporting PREA related situations only.