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The Effect of Statutory Regulations on Social Workers' Decisions to Report Child Maltreatment

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Abstract

This study examined social workers' perceptions of the New York State law requiring the reporting of child maltreatment and the relationship of those perceptions with the likelihood


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that workers would report incidents of maltreatment to child protective services. Data were collected by a mailed questionnaire from a sample of 710 social workers belonging to the New York City chapter of NASW. Findings show that social workers differ in their