

## Child Abuse and Neglect

The role of the family in American society is important in our nation's history and tradition. The law assumes that all parents want to, and do, act in their children's best interest. Based on this assumption, parents have the right to raise their children and are responsible for adequately providing, protecting, and caring for them. Charges of child abuse or neglect are grounds for the State to interfere with these parental rights. When parents cannot meet the responsibilities that come with raising their children, the Court has a right to intervene. When you or someone you know is facing this situation, it is important to get professional legal help from a qualified attorney. Even the best of parents can be falsely accused of child abuse or neglect by a disgruntled former spouse, other parent or significant other, family member or neighbor. These charges are serious and should not be taken lightly, even when you know the accusation is untrue. It is not worth the risk of affecting your career, or losing your child. Allow an attorney to help you through this difficult situation. Please call Tully Rinckey at (518) 218-7100 or email [abuse@tullylegal.com](mailto:abuse@tullylegal.com)

to contact an attorney who can help. Our lawyers can help in a variety of situations

You and/or your spouse have been accused of Child Abuse/Neglect.

You have not been accused, but are named as an "interested party" in a Child Abuse/Neglect case.

Your child has been removed from a caretaker after charges of abuse or neglect, and you are seeking temporary custody of the child.

We can act as a neutral Law Guardian to represent the children allegedly abused or neglected, if appointed by the Court.

There are many different forms of child abuse and neglect

Child abuse can be any act that endangers or impairs a child's well-being. Child abuse can be sexual, physical, emotional or psychological. Child neglect can be any act that deprives a child of their essential needs. As with abuse, there are different types of neglect such as physical, educational, emotional and lack of supervision. The most popular City / Village / Town Courts our lawyers serve:

Albany, Altamont, Amsterdam, Berne, Bethlehem, Brunswick, Clifton Park, Cohoes, Colonie, Coeymans, Delaware, Duanesburg, East Greenbush, Fulton, Glens Falls, Glenville, Gloversville, Grafton, Greene, Guilderland, Hoosick, Hudson, Johnstown, Malta, Mechanicville, Menands, Montgomery, Nassau, New Scotland, Rensselaer, Rensselaerville, Rotterdam, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schodack, Scotia, Troy, Ulster, Voorheesville,

Warren, Washington, Watervliet