

# HOW TO RECOGNIZE CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN VIRTUAL SETTINGS

## A GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Plan an assignment that asks students to write out what they did the day before. What activities did they pursue? How did they spend their time? **Notice the details.**



**Ask questions.** Questions such as 'what did you have for breakfast today?' or 'how did you sleep last night?' can provide clues into a child's wellness

Educate yourself on the **physical and behavioral** signs of child abuse and neglect. For example, a behavioral sign of physical abuse could be complaining of soreness. Visit **[iseethesigns.delaware.gov](http://iseethesigns.delaware.gov)** to learn more.



**Observe the environment.** During virtual calls, take note of any changes in behavior as well as any sounds heard, such as yelling. Ask questions and observe the child's environment.



You can report child abuse or neglect to the Division of Family Services 24/7. Call 1-800-292-9582 or report online at **[iseethesigns.delaware.gov](http://iseethesigns.delaware.gov)**.