

Child Abuse

The Honduran government authority responsible for the protection of children is the "Dirección Nacional de la Niñez y la Familia (**DINAF**)". Child abuse allegations are investigated by the District Attorney's Office. Child abuse may be reported by anyone through a phone call, a letter or by filing a police report. A child who has been removed from his or her home is placed at a DINAF orphanage.

The Police's forensic laboratories will provide physical and psychological evaluations for abused children only, and the results of said evaluations can be used at a trial. If the abuser is charged, the child will be expected to testify. Special accommodations for the child to minimize the trauma of testifying are sometimes provided.