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to get their parents in trouble. It's very hard for children a lot of times to come out and say, 'my parents are doing something wrong.'

In the state of Kentucky, there are mandatory reporting laws, in which if a child reports that they are being abused, that those informed are mandated to report it to law enforcement.

In terms of reducing parental stressors, several organizations can help with doing so, such as social services groups.

Holly Francis, the office supervisor at Allen County Social Services, which investigates child abuse and neglect, and conducts investigations to determine whether services are needed for the family, works with kids in the home or kids in foster care.

"With regards to what services we offer, (connecting to reduce parental stress) provides information to parents," Francis said. "I know that the state does that, and in Child Abuse Prevention Month, they filter some of that information out online, but also, there's other methods as far as depending on what the family's needs are, and where that stress is coming from."

Francis explained that some stressors that contribute, include financial struggles, finding ways to parent a child with autism, issues with discipline

or technology, and any other stressor that comes from raising a child.

"Parental stress would be related to the child, and parenting the child, whereas regular stress could be workrelated stress, or things of that nature," Francis clarified.

xFrancis explained that finding the root cause of the stress, and tackling the issue on a case-by-case basis is the best way to reduce these stresses.

stress) can lead to a breakdown of families in regards to communication," Francis said. "Sometimes it can lead to issues with the children behaviorally,

emotionally, and

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"(Too much of this

or neglect going on, reports can be made to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and law enforcement, and if it meets the

ultimately, sometimes

it can lead to abuse or

Francis explained

that if there is abuse

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accepted criteria, their organization will investigate to make that determination.

Allen County Social Services can be reached at 270-237-3101, and Allen County Child Support



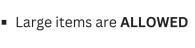
can be reached at 270-237-4450, with CASA being reachable at https://www. kentuckycasanetwork. org/.

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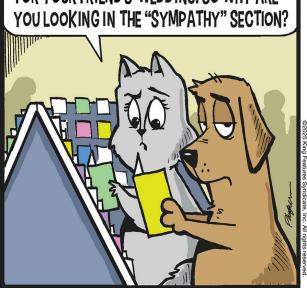
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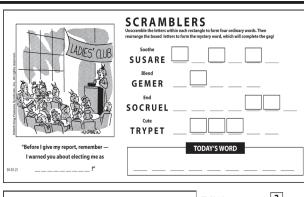
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