



1-844-CO-4-KID



Review Evaluate Direct (RED) team



Reports screened in to determine the potential severity of the case

Referral screened out

Does not meet criteria for abuse/neglect

(Caller may be referred elsewhere.)



SIGNIFICANT

Safety concerns exist
Risk is significant

⌚ Immediate

MODERATE

Safety concerns and
risk are moderate

⌚ 3 Days

LOW

No safety concerns
Risk is low

⌚ 5 Working Days



Meets with everyone at once

Meets with child victim

Meets with siblings, parents, collaterals, and others



CPS conducts an assessment



Child welfare or community-based services may be offered to address family needs

No services are required

(Family may be offered prevention services.)



Evidence of abuse or neglect:

"Substantiated" or "Founded"

Insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect:

"Unsubstantiated" or "Unfounded"



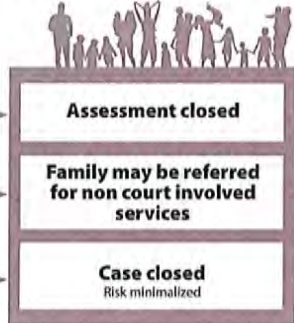
Child has been harmed and a risk of future abuse/neglect or ongoing safety concerns are present

Low or no risk of future abuse/neglect found



Open court case

through Dependency & Neglect Petition



Child is placed in out-of-home care and services are provided to the child and family



Child stays with family Services are provided to the child and family

Dependency & Neglect court process



48-72 hours

Temporary Custody Hearing— must be held within 48-72 hours of the date of placement.



Dependency and Neglect petition filed by county department of human/social services (usually filed at the Temporary Custody Hearing).



60-90 days

Adjudication Hearing— must be held within 60-90 days of the date of placement depending on the child/youth's age.



45 days

Dispositional Hearing— must be held within 45 days of Adjudication (may be held at the same time as Adjudication).



90 days-every 6 months

Review Hearing— must be held within 90 days of Disposition and every 6 months thereafter.



12 months

Permanency Hearing— must be held within 12 months of date of placement.



Reunification with family



Custody to a relative



Termination of parental rights and adoption or permanent legal guardianship



Independent living with permanent family connections



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Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect

No single sign confirms a child or youth is a victim of child abuse and neglect. However, the presence of multiple signs may indicate a need for concern and further assessment.

Emotional Abuse

- The child has delayed physical or emotional development
- The child may show extremes in behavior, such as overly compliant or demanding behavior, extreme passivity, or aggression
- The parent overtly rejects the child
- The parent constantly blames, belittles, or berates a child, is unconcerned about the child, and refuses to consider offers of help for the child's problems



Neglect

- The child may wear dirty clothing, shoes too small or large, clothing often in need of repair or inadequate for the weather
- The child seems to be hungry; hoards, steals, begs for food or comes to school with little food
- The child may appear depressed or to lack energy
- The child may have dirty or decaying teeth, may demonstrate poor hygiene
- The child frequently reports caring for other siblings, or states there's no one at home to provide care
- The parent seems apathetic, depressed, appears to be indifferent to the child
- The parent abuses alcohol or drugs
- The parent may deny the existence of a problem and blame the child, school, or others for problems at home

Physical Abuse

- The child has unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones
- The child may have fading bruises or marks noticeable after absence from school
- The child seems frightened of parents and protests or cries when it is time to go home
- The child shrinks back at the approach of adults
- The parent offers conflicting, unconvincing, or no explanation for the child's injury, or the explanation is not consistent with the injury

Sexual Abuse

- The child has difficulty walking or sitting; may suddenly refuse to change for gym or other physical activities
- The child may demonstrate unusual sexual knowledge or behavior
- The child may report unusual nightmares or bedwetting
- The parent may be secretive and isolated, jealous or controlling with family members
- The parent acts unduly protective of the child or severely limits contact with others

Child Sex Trafficking

- The child or youth possesses money, cell phone or other material items that cannot be explained
- The child or youth reports participation in a sexual act in exchange for shelter, transportation, drugs, alcohol, money or other items of value
- The child or youth is accompanied by an overly controlling "friend," "partner," or "boss"
- The child or youth has signs of physical or sexual abuse; hesitant to explain tattoos or scars
- The child or youth may have low self esteem, anxiety, guilt or shame, be hostile or uncooperative, and demonstrate suicidal thoughts or actions

Institutional Abuse

- Any form of abuse or neglect may occur while a child is in the care of an institution
- If maltreatment is caused by employees of the institution, it is institutional abuse
- Make a report immediately upon becoming aware maltreatment is occurring while in the care of an institution



We all play a role in preventing **child abuse and neglect.**

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