

Overview of the SCAN Policies Database

The State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database compiles data on the definitions and policies that states use in their surveillance of child maltreatment, along with data on associated risk and protective factors. The SCAN Policies Database is funded by the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in collaboration with the Children's Bureau in the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The project team is led by Mathematica in partnership with Child Trends.

The project's purpose is to review and compile information from states' definitions and policies, to create a database of those definitions and policies (the SCAN Policies Database) that can be used for analysis. The database is a resource for researchers, analysts, and others who are interested in examining differences between states in their definitions and policies on child maltreatment.

Content

The scope of the SCAN Policies Database includes information about state definitions and policies related to child abuse and neglect for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This information represents data collected, reviewed, and verified between May 2019 and July 2020. The data reflect the state definitions and policies for the calendar year 2019. The scope of topics in the SCAN Policies Database includes states' definitions of child abuse and neglect as well as information about policies related to reporting, screening, and investigating child maltreatment. Key aspects of the child welfare systems' response and context are also included.

The content in the database is organized into six domains. The state profiles, codebook, data collection protocol, and data file are also organized by these domains. In the protocol, each question is named with a prefix that identifies its associated domain. The six domains are listed below, with the identifying protocol number prefix.

| Domain | Question prefix |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Definitions | D |
| Reporting | R |
| Screening | S |
| Investigation | I |
| Child welfare response | W |
| Child welfare system context | С |
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State Profile

This SCAN Policies Database state profile serves as a summary of the information collected about the definitions and policies for the identified state. Each profile is organized by topical domains, which contain a set of tables that depict the state's information for each variable within that domain.

This information was gathered through a document collection, review, and coding process conducted by the SCAN Policies Database team. Input from states on data collection was obtained through a confirmation and verification process. More information about the SCAN Policies Database data collection procedures can be found in the data user's guide and data collection protocol which are accessible from the Data Use Resources page https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources.

The state profile presents responses for each variable with "yes," "no," "unknown," or other response as appropriate. The response of "unknown" was used for topics that could not be located from the state's available resources or verified with the state. In some cases, "logical skip" was used when a question was not applicable to a particular state given a related response on a preceding question.

Data use resources

Several data use resources are available to support users of the SCAN Policies Database:

- Data user's guide: The guide has detailed information about the data set, including the process used to collect and review the data, the scope of information included in the data set, guidance on using the data, such as how to link the data with other data sources; and notes about specific topics. This data user's guide also has two appendices. Appendix A provides a glossary of key terms. Appendix B summarizes the decisions made on the scope and variables to include in the SCAN Policies Database after a data quality assessment.
- **Codebook:** The codebook provides information about each variable in the data set, including variable names, labels, definitions, protocol number, variable type, and frequencies. The codebook has two appendices. Appendix A contains supplemental notes that are important for accurately interpreting and using the data. Appendix B is a comprehensive list of all state statutes and policy documentation sources used to collect data for the SCAN Policies Database for each state, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.
- **Data collection protocol:** The protocol has the questions used to collect information about states' statutes and policies as part of the data review and coding process. Appendix A provides a glossary of key terms.

These data use resources can be found on the SCAN Policies Database website (<u>https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources</u>) or from National Data Archive for Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) (<u>https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/</u>).

More Information

More information about the SCAN Policies Database can be found at <u>https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com</u>. General inquiries can be submitted to <u>SCANPoliciesDatabase@mathematica-mpr.com</u>.

State Identifying Information

Table I.A. State identifying information

| | Response |
|--|----------|
| a. State abbreviation | WA |
| b. State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code | 53 |
| c. Census region code | West |
| d. State verified coding of information | Yes |
| e. State confirmed documents reviewed | Yes |
| f. State definitions and policies for calendar year | 2019 |

Domain D: Definitions of child maltreatment

Table II.A. State's definition of child maltreatment

| | Response |
|--|--|
| 1. Types of maltreatment included in state definition | |
| a. Physical abuse | Yes |
| b. Excessive corporal punishment | Yes |
| c. Sexual abuse | Yes |
| d. Emotional maltreatment | Yes |
| e. Neglect | Yes |
| f. Inadequate clothing | Yes |
| g. Inadequate shelter | Yes |
| h. Malnourishment, inadequate food | Yes |
| i. Medical neglect, inadequate medical care | Yes |
| j. Failure-to-thrive | Yes |
| k. Educational neglect | No |
| I. Abandonment | Yes |
| m. Injurious environment. Likelihood of harm to child's health, physical well-being | No |
| n. Drug Lab. Child present within structure where methamphetamine is being created | Yes |
| o. Inadequate supervision. Failure to meet parent or caretaker responsibilities | Yes |
| p. Drug or alcohol misuse. Parental drug or alcohol misuse causing harm to child | Yes |
| q. Prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol | No |
| r. Illicit substance. Illegally providing a controlled substance to a child | Yes |
| s. Human trafficking, involuntary servitude, sexual servitude | Yes |
| t. Female genital mutilation | No |
| u. Shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma | Yes |
| v. Failure to protect. Failure to protect from harm | Yes |
| w. Domestic violence. Exposure to domestic violence | No |
| x. Factitious disorder by proxy | No |
| y. Institutional abuse/neglect | No |
| z. Other definition (specify) | No |
| 2. Subtypes of maltreatment included in state definition | |
| a. Subtypes of maltreatment considered abuse | Abuse includes physical abuse, punishment, and sexual abuse; Shaken baby syndrome is considered physical abuse |
| b. Subtypes of maltreatment considered neglect | Neglect includes inadequate clothing, inadequate shelter, malnourishment, medical neglect, parent responsibilities, and failure to protect |

Table II.A (continued)

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| C S | Subtypes of maltreatment considered other than | Response Not applicable |
| | abuse or neglect | |
| 3. | Level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment | |
| a. | Inflicts harm | Yes |
| b. | Imminent danger or substantial risk of harm | Yes |
| 4. | Differences in level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment by type of maltreatment | No |
| 5. | Type of harm or injury specified in state's definition of child maltreatment | |
| a. | Death, bodily injury, impairment of physical condition | Yes |
| b. | Impairment of mental or emotional condition | Yes |
| C. | Harmful environment, conditions | No |
| d. | Type of harm or injury not specified | No |
| e. | Other (specify) | No |
| 6. | Variation in extent of injury or harm by maltreatment type in the state's definition of child maltreatment | Νο |
| 7. | Perpetrator identified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment | Yes |
| 8. | Types of perpetrators specified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment | |
| a. | Any adult | No |
| b. | Parent | Yes |
| C. | Guardian | Yes |
| d. | Caregiver/caretaker | Yes |
| e. | Family member/parent paramour | No |
| f. | Household member | No |
| g. | Person responsible for child | Yes |
| h. | Other (specify) | No |
| 9. | Types of perpetrators vary by type of maltreatment | Yes |
| 10. | Explanation of variation in types of perpetrator by maltreatment type | For negligent treatment or maltreatment, the perpetrator is a child's parent, legal custodian, guardian, or caregiver; For abandonment, the perpetrator is a parent or guardian |
| 11. | Child age included in definition of child maltreatment | Yes |
| 12. | Specific child age in definition of child maltreatment | Under age 18 |
| 13. | Variability of child age by type of maltreatment | No |

Table II.B. Child maltreatment definition exemptions

| | | Response: Yes/No/Unknown |
|----|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment | |
| a. | Financial issues, financial inability to provide for a child | Yes |
| b. | Discipline, physical discipline as long as it is reasonable and causes no bodily injury to the child | Yes |
| C. | Safe haven exemption, newborn relinquished or abandoned in accordance with infant safe haven laws | Yes |
| d. | Infant testing positive drugs – medical, newborn with positive test for controlled substance as a result of parent's medical treatment | No |
| e. | Religious observance, parent relies on spiritual or religious forms of medical treatment | No |
| f. | Other exemption (specify) | No |
| 2. | Safe haven exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment | |
| a. | Must leave a child at specific safe haven locations | Yes |
| b. | Child must be left by parent or parent's agent | Yes |
| C. | Child must be left by a certain age (specify) | Yes - 72 hours old or younger |
| d. | No intent to return | No |
| e. | Child must be left unharmed | No |
| f. | Other (specify) | No |

Domain R: Reporting child abuse and neglect

Table III.A. Reporting policies

| | Response |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Statewide centralized reporting | No |
| 2. How reporting is decentralized | |
| a. Each county or region has its own reporting hotline | No |
| b. Some counties or regions have own reporting hotline | No |
| c. During some times of the day, counties or regions have their own reporting hotline | Yes |
| d. Other (specify) | No |
| 3. Standard for reporting child maltreatment | |
| a. Known abuse and neglect | Yes |
| b. Reasonable cause to believe a child was abused or neglected | Yes |
| 4. Universal mandated reporting | No |
| 5. Required training for mandated reporters | Yes, some mandated reporters |
| 6. Penalties for failure to report | Yes, all mandated reporters |
| 7. Specific penalties for failure to report | |
| a. Criminal charges | Yes |
| b. Civil charges | No |
| c. Professional licensure suspended or revoked | No |
| d. Other (specify) | No |
| 8. Penalties for false reporting | Yes |
| 9. Specific penalties for false reporting | |
| a. Criminal charges | Yes |
| b. Civil charges | No |
| c. Professional license suspended or revoked | No |
| d. Other (specify) | No |
| e. Unknown | No |
| 10. Immunity for reporters of child abuse and neglect | Yes |
| 11. Information requested at the time of report | |
| a. Identifying information of child | Yes |
| b. Location/contact information of child and family | Yes |
| c. Type/severity of suspected maltreatment | Yes |
| d. Date of suspected maltreatment | Yes |
| e. Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s) | Yes |
| f. Identifying and other information of reporter | Yes |
| g. Identifying information of child's parents, guardian, or caregiver/caretaker | Yes |
| h. Identifying and other information of family/household members | No |
| i. Information on prior maltreatment | Yes |
| j. Other (specify) | No |
| 12. Anonymity of reporter | |
| a. All reporters (including mandated reports) can stay anonymous | Yes |

Table III.A (continued)

| | Response |
|---|----------|
| b. The general public can be anonymous (mandated reporters cannot remain anonymous) | No |
| c. Reporters (including mandated reporters) cannot be anonymous | No |
| d. Unknown | No |
| 13. Tribal involvement in accepting reports of tribal cases | |
| a. Tribes are not involved | Yes |
| b. Tribes accept reports (specify tribes) | No |
| c. Collaboration of tribes with state/local public child welfare agency accept reports (specify tribes) | No |
| d. Unknown | No |

Table III.B. Types of mandated reporters

| | Response | Response | Response |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Types of mandated reporters | Included in state's definition of mandated reporters | Training required ¹ | Subject to penalties for failure to report ² |
| a. Foster parents | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| b. School staff – teachers | Yes | No | Yes |
| c. School bus drivers or other transportation staff | Yes | No | Yes |
| d. Before/after school program staff | No | Logical Skip | Logical Skip |
| e. Child care staff | Yes | No | Yes |
| f. Camp counselors, directors, or administrators | No | Logical Skip | Logical Skip |
| g. Athletic coaches or staff | Yes | No | Yes |
| h. Medical or dental professionals | Yes | No | Yes |
| i. Substance abuse disorder treatment providers | Yes | No | Yes |
| j. Mental health, counselors, or other social service professionals | Yes | No | Yes |
| k. Police or other law enforcement | Yes | No | Yes |
| I. Emergency medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency personnel | No | Logical Skip | Logical Skip |
| m. Judges | No | Logical Skip | Logical Skip |
| n. District attorneys or other attorneys | No | Logical Skip | Logical Skip |
| o. Guardian ad litems or Court-appointed special advocates | Yes | No | Yes |
| p. Other court personnel | Yes | No | Yes |
| q. Shelter staff | Yes | No | Yes |
| r. Those who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film, or computer images | No | Logical Skip | Logical Skip |
| s. Religious clergy | No | Logical Skip | Logical Skip |
| t. Volunteers | Yes | No | Yes |

Table III.B (continued)

| | Response | Response | Response |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| u. Other type of mandated | Yes - Department of Children, | No | Yes - |
| reporter (specify) | Youth, and Families employees, | | Department of |
| | coroner, medical examiner, licensed | | Children, Youth, |
| | pathologists, pharmacists, | | and Families |
| | Department of Social and Health | | employees; |
| | Services employees, Department of | | coroner; |
| | Early Learning employees, staff or | | medical |
| | volunteers in the Family and | | examiners; |
| | Children's Ombudsman Office, any | | Licensed |
| | adult who resides with a child | | pathologists; |
| | suspected to have suffered severe | | Department of |
| | abuse | | Corrections |
| | | | employees; |
| | | | Pharmacists; |
| | | | Department of |
| | | | Social and |
| | | | Health Services |
| | | | employees; |
| | | | Department of |
| | | | Early Learning |
| | | | employees; staff |
| | | | or volunteers in |
| | | | the Family and |
| | | | Children's |
| | | | Ombudsman |
| | | | Office; any adult |
| | | | who resides |
| | | | with a child |
| | | | suspected to |
| | | | have suffered |
| | | | severe abuse |

¹Responses in this column can equal logical skip when the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no training is required for mandated reporters (Table III.A.5). Responses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table III.A.4) and all mandated reporters require training (Table III.A.5).

²Responses in this column can equal logical skip with the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table III.A.6). Reponses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table III.A.4) and when all adults or all mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table III.A.6).

Domain S: Screening reports of child abuse and neglect

Table IV.A. Screening policies

| | Response |
|--|----------|
| 1. Statewide centralized screening | No |
| 2. How screening is decentralized | |
| a. Each county or region has its own screening unit | No |
| b. Some counties or regions have their own screening units | No |
| c. During certain times of the day, counties or regions have their own screening units | Yes |
| d. Other (specify) | No |
| 3. Information required to screen in report | |
| a. Identifying information of child | Yes |
| b. Location/contact information of child and family | No |
| c. Type/severity of suspected maltreatment | Yes |
| d. Date of suspected maltreatment | No |
| e. Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s) | No |
| f. Other (specify) | No |
| g. Unknown | No |

Table IV.B. Screening Decision Process and Activities

| | | | Conditions or |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Response | Required cases | types of cases |
| 1. Decision processes used during screening | | | |
| a. Supervisory review | Yes | Required for all | — |
| b. Team-based decision | No | Logical Skip | |
| c. Individual screener | No | Logical Skip | — |
| d. Other (specify) | No | Logical Skip | — |
| e. Unknown | No | — | _ |
| 2. Variability of decision process used for screening | | | |
| a. Consistent statewide | Yes | — | — |
| b. Varies locally | No | — | — |
| c. Unknown | No | — | — |
| 3. Certain activities or information are required as part of screening | Yes | | |
| 4. Activities/information required as part of screening | | | |
| a. Safety or risk assessment | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| b. Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| c. Other (specify) | Yes - Response decision tree | Required for some | Cases the meet sufficiency screening |
| 5. Types of safety/risk assessment used during screening | | | |
| a. Structured Decision Making | Yes | _ | |
| b. Other (specify) | No | — | — |
| 6. Consistency of screening activities/information | | | |
| a. Consistent statewide | Yes | | _ |
| b. Varies locally (specify) | No | _ | _ |
| c. Unknown | No | — | — |

Table IV.C. Screeners

| | Response |
|---|--|
| 1. Screener of abuse and neglect reports | |
| a. Case workers (frontline staff) | Yes |
| b. Case managers (supervisors) | Yes |
| c. Staff in specialized screening unit | Yes |
| d. Other (specify) | No |
| 2. Qualifications of screener | |
| a. Associate's degree | No |
| b. Bachelor's degree | Yes |
| c. Master's degree | No |
| d. Training for screening (specify) | No |
| e. Years of experience (specify) | Yes - 3 years for individuals with a bachelor's degree; 2 years for individuals with a master's degree |
| f. Other (specify) | No |
| g. Unknown | No |
| 3. Tribal involvement in screening process of tribal cases | |
| a. Tribes are not involved | No |
| b. Tribes conduct screening (specify tribes) | No |
| c. Collaboration of tribes with state/local public child welfare agency (specify tribes) | Yes - Chehalis; Colville; Cowlitz; Hoh; Jamestown; Kalispel; Lower Elwha; Lummi; Makah; Muckleshoot; Nisqually; Nooksack; Port Gamble; Puyallup; Quileute; Quinault; Samish; Sauk- Suiattle; Shoalwater; Skokomish; Snoqualmie; Spokane; Squaxin Island; Stillaguamish; Suquamish; Swinomish; Tulalip; Upper Skagit; Yakama |
| d. Unknown | No |

Domain I: Investigations of child abuse and neglect

Table V.A. Investigations policies

| | Response |
|--|--|
| 1. Child maltreatment investigations lead to criminal penalties | Yes |
| 2. Investigator for reports | |
| a. Case workers (frontline staff) | Yes |
| b. Case managers (supervisors) | Yes |
| c. Staff in specialized investigations unit | Yes |
| d. Law enforcement | Yes |
| e. Other (specify) | No |
| 3. Qualifications of investigator | |
| a. Associate's degree | No |
| b. Bachelor's degree | Yes |
| c. Master's degree | No |
| d. Training for conducting investigations (specify) | No |
| e. Years of experience (specify) | Yes - 3 years for individuals with a bachelor's degree; 2 years for individuals with a master's degree |
| f. Other (specify) | No |
| g. Unknown | No |
| 4. Level of evidence required for substantiation (founded/indicated/confirmed) | |
| a. Preponderance of evidence | Yes |
| b. Credible or substantial evidence | No |
| c. Probable or reasonable cause | No |
| d. Other (specify) | No |

Table V.B. Required activities/information for investigation

| | | | Conditions or types of |
|--|----------|-------------------|--|
| | Response | Required cases | cases |
| 1. Certain activities/information required for the investigation process | Yes | | |
| 2. Specific activities or information required for investigation | | | |
| a. Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| b. Visit to child's home | No | Logical Skip | Not applicable |
| c. Interview or observation of child victim | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| d. Interview or observation of other children living in child's home | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| e. Risk or safety assessment | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| f. Evaluation of home environment or home study | No | Logical Skip | Not applicable |
| g. Interviews with child's parents, caregivers, or other adults residing in child's home | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| h. Check of criminal records for adults in home | No | Logical Skip | Not applicable |
| i. Check of child welfare or central registry for prior child maltreatment allegations against adults in home | Νο | Logical Skip | Not applicable |
| j. Medical evaluation | Yes | Required for some | If indicators of serious child abuse or neglect exist; If a child is 3 or younger with a physical abuse allegation; If the alleged child abuse and neglect cannot be reasonably attributed to the explanation and a diagnostic finding would clarify the assessment of risk or determine the need for medical treatment; If the alleged neglect includes concerns that children are deprived of food, underweight, or are starved |
| k. Mental health evaluation | No | Logical Skip | Not applicable |
| I. Interview alleged perpetrator | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| m. Interview reporter or collateral source | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| n. Other (specify) | No | Logical Skip | Not applicable |

Domain W: Child welfare response

Table VI.A. Differential or alternative response

| | Response |
|---|---|
| 1. Differential/alternative response | |
| a. No | No |
| b. Yes—implemented statewide | Yes |
| c. Yes—implemented in specific counties or regions (specify) | No |
| d. Unknown | No |
| 2. Types of maltreatment eligible for differential/alternative response | |
| a. All types of maltreatment are eligible | No |
| b. Only certain types of maltreatment are eligible | Yes |
| c. Unknown | No |
| 3. Types of maltreatment <u>not</u> eligible for differential/alternative response | |
| a. Cases involving child fatalities | Yes |
| b. Substance-exposed infants | No |
| c. Physical abuse | Yes |
| d. Sexual abuse | Yes |
| e. Neglect | No |
| f. Abandoned infants | Yes |
| g. Other (specify) | Yes - Severe maltreatment or abuse by a parent or caregiver; Injury to non-mobile infant; Allegation of commercial sexual exploitation; Child-on-child sexualized contact; Medical abuse reported on behalf of medical professional; Law enforcement report of parent arrested for criminal mistreatment of a child; Child victim of criminal offense |
| 4. Eligibility for differential/alternative response determined by a risk determination | |
| a. No | No |
| b. Yes | Yes |
| c. Other (specify) | No |
| d. Unknown | No |
| 5. Tools used to determine risk for differential/alternative response | Yes - Structured decision-making tool at intake and FamLink |
| 6. Risk level eligible for differential/alternative | |
| response | |
| a. No risk | No |
| b. Low risk | Yes |
| c. Moderate risk | Yes |
| d. Other (specify) | No |
| e. Unknown | No |
| 7. Other types of cases or conditions eligible for differential/alternative response | |
| a. No immediate safety concerns | Yes |

Table VI.A (continued)

| | Response |
|---|---|
| b. No prior reports of child abuse or neglect | Yes |
| c. Other (specify) | Yes - Does not have previous shelter care or dependency in the home closed in the last 12 months; Is not alleged victim already in out-of-home care |
| 8. When is determination made for differential/alternative response | |
| a. At time of screening to screen-out to differential response | Yes |
| b. After a report is screened-in | No |
| c. Other (specify) | No |
| 9. Referrals to community services for cases engaged in differential response | |
| a. No | No |
| b. Yes—for all cases | No |
| c. Yes—when families express interest | Yes |
| d. Yes—when there is a determination of risk | Yes |
| e. Yes—other (specify) | No |

Table VI.B. In-home services and foster care

| | Response |
|--|--|
| 1. In-home services provided for | |
| unsubstantiated cases to maintain intact families | |
| a. No | No |
| b. Yes—implemented statewide | Yes |
| c. Yes—implemented in specific counties or regions | No |
| d. Unknown | No |
| 2. In-home services provided post reunification | |
| a. No | No |
| b. Yes—implemented statewide | Yes |
| c. Yes—implemented in specific counties or regions | No |
| d. Unknown | No |
| 3. Tribal involvement in foster care for tribal | |
| cases | |
| a. Tribes do not provide foster care | No |
| b. Tribes provide foster care (specify tribes) | Yes - Puyallup Tribe; Muckleshoot Indian Tribe; Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Nak Nu We Sha (Yakama Tribe); Quinault Tribe; Spokane Tribe of Indians; South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (consortium of several small tribes); Chehalis Tribe; Lummi Tribe; Tulalip Tribe |
| c. Unknown | No |
| 4. Foster care extension for those older than 18 years | Yes |
| 5. Age youth are allowed to remain in extended foster care | |
| a. Age 21 | Yes |
| b. Other (specify) | No |
| 6. Foster care case management staff | |
| a. State/county public agency staff | Yes |
| b. Contracted provider staff | No |
| c. Tribal agency staff | Yes |
| d. Unknown | No |
| 7. Qualifications of foster care case managers | |
| a. Associate's degree | No |
| b. Bachelor's degree | Yes |
| c. Master's degree | No |
| d. Training for case management (specify) | No |
| e. Years of experience (specify) | Yes - 3 years for individuals with a bachelor's degree; 2 years for individuals with a master's degree |
| f. Other (specify) | No |
| g. Unknown | No |

Table VI.C. Permanency

| | Response |
|--|----------|
| 1. Kinship guardianship as a permanency option | Yes |
| 2. Subsidized guardianship | Yes |
| 3. Subsidized kinship guardianship | Yes |
| 4. Subsidized adoption | Yes |

Domain C: Child welfare system context

Table VII.A. Child welfare system context

| | Response |
|--|---|
| 1. State or county-administered child welfare system | |
| a. State-administered | Yes |
| b. County-administered | No |
| c. Hybrid (partially administered by the state and partially administered by the counties) | No |
| d. Unknown | No |
| 2. State operates under legal consent decree or other court-ordered monitoring | Yes - Braam vs. State of Washington |

Supplemental Notes on State

Reporting

Although all reporters can remain anonymous, mandated reporters will not satisfy their mandatory reporting requirement if they do remain anonymous.

Training is required only for the foster parent who is the primary caregiver.

Homeless shelter staff are mandated reporters if the shelter is licensed as an overnight youth shelter.

Child welfare response

Cases not eligible for differential response includes:

- 1. Severe maltreatment or abuse by a parent or caregiver
- 2. Previous shelter care or dependency in the home closed in the last 12 months
- 3. Alleged victim already in out-of-home care
- **4.** Alleged victim or subject involved in three or more previous intakes screened in for CPS in last 12 months
- 5. Physical abuse to child age 3 or younger
- 6. Physical abuse to children under age 5 reported on behalf of medical professional
- 7. Injury to non-mobile infant
- 8. Allegation of commercial sexual exploitation
- 9. Child-on-child sexualized contact
- **10.** Medical abuse reported on behalf of medical professional
- 11. Law enforcement report of parent arrested for criminal mistreatment of a child
- 12. Child victim of criminal offense

State Statutes and Policy Documentation Sources

- Abuse of Children, Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 26-26.44 (2019).
- Assault—physical harm, Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9A-9A.36 (2019).
- Child Welfare Services, Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 74.13 (2019).
- Criminal Mistreatment, Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9A-9A.42 (2019).
- Defenses, Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9A-9A.16 (2019).
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