

## 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.

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### 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	C

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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.

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## 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 (<https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources>) or from National Data Archive for Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) (<https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/>).

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## More Information

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

## State Identifying Information

Table I.A. State identifying information

	Response
a. State abbreviation	CO
b. State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code	08
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
<b>1. Types of maltreatment included in state definition</b>	
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	Yes
l. Abandonment	Yes
m. Injurious environment. Likelihood of harm to child's health, physical well-being	Yes
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	No
q. Prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol	Yes
r. Illicit substance. Illegally providing a controlled substance to a child	No
s. Human trafficking, involuntary servitude, sexual servitude	Yes
t. Female genital mutilation	Yes
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	Yes
x. Factitious disorder by proxy	No
y. Institutional abuse/neglect	Yes
z. Other definition (specify)	Yes - Third-party abuse and/or neglect

Table II.A (continued)

	Response
<b>2. Subtypes of maltreatment included in state definition</b>	
a. Subtypes of maltreatment considered abuse	Abuse includes physical abuse, malnutrition, failure to thrive, subdural hematoma (shaken baby syndrome), sexual abuse, inadequate clothing, inadequate shelter, inadequate medical care, parental responsibilities, emotional abuse, presence near or access to controlled substance (including methamphetamine), prenatal exposure to controlled substance, human trafficking of a minor for involuntary or sexual servitude, failure to protect, punishment, and genital mutilation
b. Subtypes of maltreatment considered neglect	Neglect includes physical abuse, malnutrition, failure to thrive, subdural hematoma (shaken baby syndrome), sexual abuse, inadequate clothing, inadequate shelter, inadequate medical care, parental responsibilities, emotional abuse, presence near or access to controlled substance (including methamphetamine), prenatal exposure to controlled substance, human trafficking of a minor for involuntary or sexual servitude, failure to protect, punishment, and genital mutilation
c. Subtypes of maltreatment considered other than abuse or neglect	Abuse or 'child abuse or neglect' includes physical abuse, malnutrition, failure to thrive, subdural hematoma (shaken baby syndrome), sexual abuse, inadequate clothing, inadequate shelter, inadequate medical care, parental responsibilities, emotional abuse, presence near or access to controlled substance (including methamphetamine), prenatal exposure to controlled substance, human trafficking of a minor for involuntary or sexual servitude, failure to protect, punishment, and genital mutilation
<b>3. Level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment</b>	
a. Inflicts harm	Yes
b. Imminent danger or substantial risk of harm	Yes
<b>4. Differences in level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment by type of maltreatment</b>	No
<b>5. Type of harm or injury specified in state's definition of child maltreatment</b>	
a. Death, bodily injury, impairment of physical condition	Yes
b. Impairment of mental or emotional condition	Yes
c. Harmful environment, conditions	Yes
d. Type of harm or injury not specified	No
e. Other (specify)	No

Table II.A (continued)

	Response
<b>6. Variation in extent of injury or harm by maltreatment type in the state's definition of child maltreatment</b>	No
<b>7. Perpetrator identified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment</b>	Yes
<b>8. Types of perpetrators specified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment</b>	
a. Any adult	Yes
b. Parent	Yes
c. Guardian	Yes
d. Caregiver/caretaker	Yes
e. Family member/parent paramour	Yes
f. Household member	Yes
g. Person responsible for child	Yes
h. Other (specify)	No
<b>9. Types of perpetrators vary by type of maltreatment</b>	Yes
<b>10. Explanation of variation in types of perpetrator by maltreatment type</b>	For institutional abuse, the perpetrators are specific to any public or private facility in the state that provides childcare out of the home, supervision, or maintenance; For third-party abuse and/or neglect, the perpetrator is any person who is not a parent, stepparent, guardian, legal custodian, spousal equivalent, or any other person not included in the definition of intrafamilial abuse or institutional abuse
<b>11. Child age included in definition of child maltreatment</b>	Yes
<b>12. Specific child age in definition of child maltreatment</b>	Under age 18 with variability over 18
<b>13. Variability of child age by type of maltreatment</b>	Yes - Institutional abuse applies to persons under 21 years of age

**Table II.B. Child maltreatment definition exemptions**

	<b>Response: Yes/No/Unknown</b>
<b>1. Exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment</b>	
a. Financial issues, financial inability to provide for a child	No
b. Discipline, physical discipline as long as it is reasonable and causes no bodily injury to the child	No
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	Yes
e. Religious observance, parent relies on spiritual or religious forms of medical treatment	Yes
f. Other exemption (specify)	Yes - For exemption to involuntary servitude, those investigating reports of child abuse shall take into account accepted childrearing practices of the culture in which the child participates including, but not limited to, accepted work-related practices of agricultural communities; Genital mutilation is exempted if it is necessary to preserve the health of the child on whom it is performed, or it is performed on a child who is in labor or who has just given birth. In both instances, it must be performed by a person licensed to practice medicine
<b>2. Safe haven exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment</b>	
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
<b>1. Statewide centralized reporting</b>	Other - Reports of known or suspected child abuse or neglect are made to the county department, the local law enforcement agency, or through the child abuse reporting hotline system; There is a statewide hotline system that routes calls to appropriate county department
<b>2. How reporting is decentralized</b>	
a. Each county or region has its own reporting hotline	Logical Skip
b. Some counties or regions have own reporting hotline	Logical Skip
c. During some times of the day, counties or regions have their own reporting hotline	Logical Skip
d. Other (specify)	Logical Skip
<b>3. Standard for reporting child maltreatment</b>	
a. Known abuse and neglect	Yes
b. Reasonable cause to believe a child was abused or neglected	Yes
<b>4. Universal mandated reporting</b>	No
<b>5. Required training for mandated reporters</b>	No
<b>6. Penalties for failure to report</b>	Yes, all mandated reporters
<b>7. Specific penalties for failure to report</b>	
a. Criminal charges	Yes
b. Civil charges	Yes
c. Professional licensure suspended or revoked	Yes
d. Other (specify)	No
<b>8. Penalties for false reporting</b>	Yes
<b>9. Specific penalties for false reporting</b>	
a. Criminal charges	Yes
b. Civil charges	Yes
c. Professional license suspended or revoked	No
d. Other (specify)	No
e. Unknown	No
<b>10. Immunity for reporters of child abuse and neglect</b>	Yes
<b>11. Information requested at the time of report</b>	
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



Table III.A (continued)

	Response
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	Yes
i. Information on prior maltreatment	Yes
j. Other (specify)	Yes - The nature of any other environmental hazards in the home which may impact child(ren)/youth or worker safety; The name and contact information of any individuals who may have information about the referral, and/or the identity and contact information of collateral agencies and individuals involved with the family; Date and time referral was received; Family strengths and supports, and/or other protective factors or actions taken
<b>12. Anonymity of reporter</b>	
a. All reporters (including mandated reports) can stay anonymous	No
b. The general public can be anonymous (mandated reporters cannot remain anonymous)	Yes
c. Reporters (including mandated reporters) cannot be anonymous	No
d. Unknown	No
<b>13. Tribal involvement in accepting reports of tribal cases</b>	
a. Tribes are not involved	No
b. Tribes accept reports (specify tribes)	Yes - Southern Ute; Ute Mountain Ute
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 <sup>1</sup>	Subject to penalties for failure to report <sup>2</sup>
a. Foster parents	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
b. School staff – teachers	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
c. School bus drivers or other transportation staff	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
d. Before/after school program staff	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
e. Child care staff	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
f. Camp counselors, directors, or administrators	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
g. Athletic coaches or staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
h. Medical or dental professionals	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
i. Substance abuse disorder treatment providers	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
j. Mental health, counselors, or other social service professionals	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
k. Police or other law enforcement	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
l. Emergency medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency personnel	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
m. Judges	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
n. District attorneys or other attorneys	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
o. Guardian ad litem or Court-appointed special advocates	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
p. Other court personnel	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
q. Shelter staff	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
r. Those who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film, or computer images	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
s. Religious clergy	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
t. Volunteers	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip

Table III.B (continued)

	Response	Response	Response
u. Other type of mandated reporter (specify)	Yes - Christian science practitioner; Social worker or worker in any facility or agency that is licensed or certified; Veterinarian; Victim's advocate; Worker in the state department of human services; Child and family investigators; Officers and agents of the state bureau of animal protection and animal control officers; The child protection ombudsman; Educator providing services through a federal special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; Officials or employees of county departments of health, human services, or social services	Logical Skip	Yes - Christian science practitioner; Social worker or worker in any facility or agency that is licensed or certified; Veterinarian; Victim's advocate; Worker in the state department of human services; Child and family investigators; Officers and agents of the state bureau of animal protection and animal control officers; The child protection ombudsman; Educator providing services through a federal special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; Officials or employees of county departments of health, human services, or social services

<sup>1</sup>Responses 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).

<sup>2</sup>Responses 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). Responses 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)

Table III.B (*continued*)

## Domain S: Screening reports of child abuse and neglect

Table IV.A. Screening policies

	Response
<b>1. Statewide centralized screening</b>	No
<b>2. How screening is decentralized</b>	
a. Each county or region has its own screening unit	Yes
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	No
d. Other (specify)	No
<b>3. Information required to screen in report</b>	
a. Identifying information of child	No
b. Location/contact information of child and family	Yes
c. Type/severity of suspected maltreatment	No
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**

	<b>Response</b>	<b>Required cases</b>	<b>Conditions or types of cases</b>
<b>1. Decision processes used during screening</b>			
a. Supervisory review	Yes	Required for all	—
b. Team-based decision	Yes	Required for some	—
c. Individual screener	No	Logical Skip	—
d. Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	—
e. Unknown	No	—	—
<b>2. Variability of decision process used for screening</b>			
a. Consistent statewide	Yes	—	—
b. Varies locally	No	—	—
c. Unknown	No	—	—
<b>3. Certain activities or information are required as part of screening</b>			
Yes			
<b>4. Activities/information required as part of screening</b>			
a. Safety or risk assessment	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
b. Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
c. Other (specify)	Yes - Review child/youth's vulnerability; Report allegation of sex trafficking to local law enforcement agency	Required for all	Not applicable
<b>5. Types of safety/risk assessment used during screening</b>			
a. Structured Decision Making	Logical Skip	—	—
b. Other (specify)	Logical Skip	—	—
<b>6. Consistency of screening activities/information</b>			
a. Consistent statewide	Yes	—	—
b. Varies locally (specify)	No	—	—
c. Unknown	No	—	—

**Table IV.C. Screeners**

	Response
<b>1. Screener of abuse and neglect reports</b>	
a. Case workers (frontline staff)	No
b. Case managers (supervisors)	No
c. Staff in specialized screening unit	No
d. Other (specify)	Yes - County department staff
<b>2. Qualifications of screener</b>	
a. Associate's degree	No
b. Bachelor's degree	No
c. Master's degree	No
d. Training for screening (specify)	Yes - Complete the pre-service hotline training for workers; Complete all required Transfer of Learning exercises with the assistance of a supervisor, or supervisor's designee; Demonstrate competence through pre-and post-tests, trainer observation, and verification by the county department as outlined in the request for certification; To be re-certified as a hotline worker, the staff person must participate in 10 hours of in-service training each state fiscal year
e. Years of experience (specify)	No
f. Other (specify)	Yes - High School diploma or equivalent
g. Unknown	No
<b>3. Tribal involvement in screening process of tribal cases</b>	
a. Tribes are not involved	No
b. Tribes conduct screening (specify tribes)	Yes - Southern Ute; Ute Mountain Ute
c. Collaboration of tribes with state/local public child welfare agency (specify tribes)	No
d. Unknown	No

## Domain I: Investigations of child abuse and neglect

Table V.A. Investigations policies

	Response
<b>1. Child maltreatment investigations lead to criminal penalties</b>	Yes
<b>2. Investigator for reports</b>	
a. Case workers (frontline staff)	Yes
b. Case managers (supervisors)	No
c. Staff in specialized investigations unit	No
d. Law enforcement	Yes
e. Other (specify)	Yes - The county department coordinates all investigations, including assigning persons trained to conduct the investigation; The investigation may include other appropriate agencies (state resources do not specify agencies); Institutional abuse may be investigated by an agency that contracts with the state and has staff trained to conduct investigations, the county departments, or any other entity the state department deems appropriate
<b>3. Qualifications of investigator</b>	
a. Associate's degree	No
b. Bachelor's degree	Yes
c. Master's degree	No
d. Training for conducting investigations (specify)	Yes - To be re-certified as a social caseworker, the staff person must participate in 40 hours of in- service training each state fiscal year, with a minimum of 16 of those hours focused in the area of the social caseworker's primary job responsibilities
e. Years of experience (specify)	Yes - 1 year of professional caseworker, case management, or human services experience in a public or private human services agency
f. Other (specify)	No
g. Unknown	No
<b>4. Level of evidence required for substantiation (founded/indicated/confirmed)</b>	
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**

	<b>Response</b>	<b>Required cases</b>	<b>Conditions or types of cases</b>
<b>1. Certain activities/information required for the investigation process</b>	Yes		
<b>2. Specific activities or information required for investigation</b>			
a. Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
b. Visit to child's home	Yes	Required for some	The home conditions are the subject of the assessment; Information obtained in the interview process indicates assessment of the home environment is necessary due to current or impending danger
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	Yes	Required for some	The home conditions are the subject of the assessment; Information obtained in the interview process indicates assessment of the home environment is necessary due to current or impending danger
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	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
i. Check of child welfare or central registry for prior child maltreatment allegations against adults in home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
j. Medical evaluation	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
k. Mental health evaluation	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
l. Interview alleged perpetrator	Yes	Required for some	Reasonable or documentation of efforts to interview and advise the alleged perpetrator

Table V.B (continued)

	<b>Response</b>	<b>Required cases</b>	<b>Conditions or types of cases</b>
m. Interview reporter or collateral source	Yes	Required for some	When child(ren)/youth are unable to be interviewed within the assigned response time; Institutional abuse and/or neglect
n. Other (specify)	Yes - Credibility and source of the report; The nature, extent, and cause of the abuse or neglect; The identity of the person responsible for such abuse or neglect; The names and conditions of any other children living in the same place; The environment and the relationship of any children to the person responsible for the suspected abuse or neglect; Obtain culturally relevant and appropriate resources for the alleged victim child(ren)/ youth and their families; All other data deemed pertinent	Required for all	Not applicable

## Domain W: Child welfare response

Table VI.A. Differential or alternative response

	Response
<b>1. Differential/alternative response</b>	
a. No	No
b. Yes—implemented statewide	No
c. Yes—implemented in specific counties or regions (specify)	Yes - The executive director of the state department approves any county department of human or social services that chooses to participate in the differential response program. The program is a dual-track response system for referrals that meet the criteria for assignment. The two response options are the High Risk Assessment (HRA) and the Family Assessment Response (FAR). The alternative response track is the FAR
d. Unknown	No
<b>2. Types of maltreatment eligible for differential/alternative response</b>	
a. All types of maltreatment are eligible	No
b. Only certain types of maltreatment are eligible	Yes
c. Unknown	No
<b>3. Types of maltreatment <u>not</u> eligible for differential/alternative response</b>	
a. Cases involving child fatalities	Yes
b. Substance-exposed infants	No
c. Physical abuse	No
d. Sexual abuse	Yes
e. Neglect	No
f. Abandoned infants	No
g. Other (specify)	Yes - Institutional abuse
<b>4. Eligibility for differential/alternative response determined by a risk determination</b>	
a. No	No
b. Yes	Yes
c. Other (specify)	No
d. Unknown	No
<b>5. Tools used to determine risk for differential/alternative response</b>	No
<b>6. Risk level eligible for differential/alternative response</b>	
a. No risk	No
b. Low risk	Yes
c. Moderate risk	Yes
d. Other (specify)	No
e. Unknown	No
<b>7. Other types of cases or conditions eligible for differential/alternative response</b>	
a. No immediate safety concerns	No

Table VI.A (continued)

	Response
b. No prior reports of child abuse or neglect	No
c. Other (specify)	No
<b>8. When is determination made for differential/alternative response</b>	
a. At time of screening to screen-out to differential response	No
b. After a report is screened-in	Yes
c. Other (specify)	No
<b>9. Referrals to community services for cases engaged in differential response</b>	
a. No	No
b. Yes—for all cases	No
c. Yes—when families express interest	No
d. Yes—when there is a determination of risk	No
e. Yes—other (specify)	Yes - The participating county departments, in administering the program, shall cooperate with local community service organizations in addressing known or suspected incidents of intrafamilial abuse or neglect

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

	Response
<b>1. In-home services provided for unsubstantiated cases to maintain intact families</b>	
a. No	No
b. Yes—implemented statewide	Yes
c. Yes—implemented in specific counties or regions	No
d. Unknown	No
<b>2. In-home services provided post reunification</b>	
a. No	No
b. Yes—implemented statewide	Yes
c. Yes—implemented in specific counties or regions	No
d. Unknown	No
<b>3. Tribal involvement in foster care for tribal cases</b>	
a. Tribes do not provide foster care	No
b. Tribes provide foster care (specify tribes)	Yes - Ute Mount Ute; Southern Ute Indian Tribe
c. Unknown	No
<b>4. Foster care extension for those older than 18 years</b>	Yes
<b>5. Age youth are allowed to remain in extended foster care</b>	
a. Age 21	Yes
b. Other (specify)	No
<b>6. Foster care case management staff</b>	
a. State/county public agency staff	Yes
b. Contracted provider staff	No
c. Tribal agency staff	Yes
d. Unknown	No
<b>7. Qualifications of foster care case managers</b>	
a. Associate's degree	No
b. Bachelor's degree	Yes
c. Master's degree	No
d. Training for case management (specify)	Yes - To be re-certified as a social caseworker, the staff person must participate in 40 hours of in- service training each state fiscal year, with a minimum of 16 of those hours focused in the area of the social caseworker's primary job responsibilities
e. Years of experience (specify)	Yes - 1 year of professional caseworker, case management, or human services experience in a public or private human services agency
f. Other (specify)	No
g. Unknown	No

**Table VI.C. Permanency**

	<b>Response</b>
<b>1. Kinship guardianship as a permanency option</b>	Yes
<b>2. Subsidized guardianship</b>	Yes
<b>3. Subsidized kinship guardianship</b>	Yes
<b>4. Subsidized adoption</b>	Yes

## Domain C: Child welfare system context

Table VII.A. Child welfare system context

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

## Supplemental Notes on State

### Definitions

Drug lab includes a perpetrator having knowledge of or in a position where they reasonably should know another person possesses ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine, or their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, with the intent to use the product as an immediate precursor in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Parents may rely on religious forms of healing, except during life-threatening situations or when the condition will result in serious disability if access to medical care is limited. A child whose parent, guardian, or legal custodian inhibits or interferes with the provision of medical treatment in accordance with a court order shall be considered to have been neglected or dependent and injured or endangered.

### Screening

When screening in a report, no information is required, but certain information is requested, including:

1. The reporting party's name, address, phone number, reporter type, and relationship to the alleged victim child
2. The alleged victim's name, address, current location, school or child care, age, any developmental delays, physical disabilities, or competency or cultural considerations, and primary language
3. A narrative describing the case, including the time and date, location, witnesses, whether any injury was sustained, and any medical treatment given
4. The alleged perpetrator's name, age, location, address, any developmental delays, physical disabilities, or competency or cultural considerations, and phone number
5. Information on where the incident took place, including the name, address, phone number, and whether the institution has been notified of the allegation
6. Name of the victim's parent or guardian, address, phone number, and whether they have been notified
7. Who has legal custody of the child
8. Date and time of the referral

As part of the screening process, as available and appropriate, the screener will obtain information from collateral sources such as schools, medical personnel, law enforcement agencies, or other care providers.

### Investigations

The education and experience qualifications are the minimum requirements for caseworkers.

### Child welfare response

Colorado's differential response is a dual-track response system:



1. Family Assessment Response (FAR) is the differential response track established for low and moderate risk situations where no finding of abuse and/or neglect is made. The FAR is used by counties participating in the state's differential response program and is implemented at the county level.
2. High Risk Assessment (HRA) is the differential response track established for high risk situations where the alleged victim child(ren) are identified and a finding of abuse and/or neglect is made.

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