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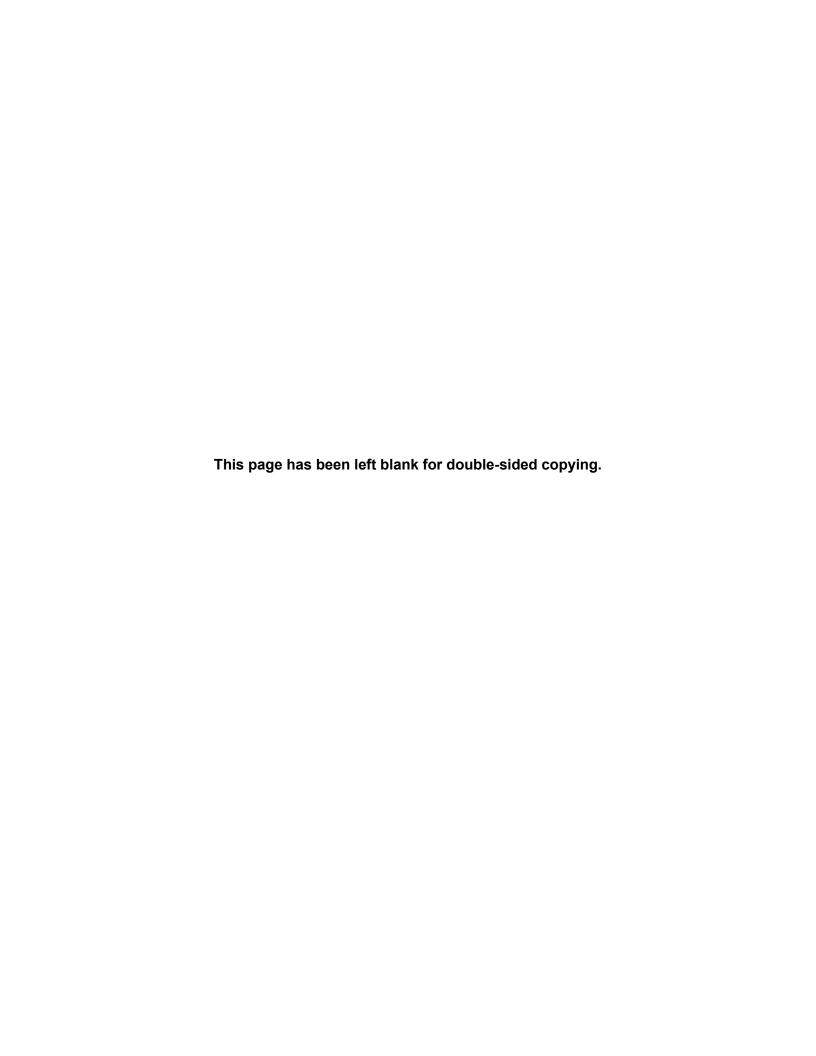












Overview

Introduction

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 (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The project team is led by Mathematica in partnership with Child Trends.

Although federal law is the foundation of the child welfare system, states drive much of the structure of their own systems. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (42 U.S.C.A. § 5106g), as amended in 2010, identifies certain acts or behaviors as child maltreatment. States must comply with the broader CAPTA definitions, but within those parameters, states have their own legal definitions. State laws—and the policies they set to enforce these laws—have different definitions of child abuse and neglect and different policies for reporting and responding to child maltreatment.

Data on the definitions and related policies for child abuse and neglect—state by state and over time—can help researchers, analysts, policymakers, child welfare agencies, and others broaden their understanding of differences between states and how these differences may influence rates of child maltreatment.

Purpose

The project's purpose is to maintain, enhance, and update the SCAN Policies Database by continuing to review and compile information about selected definitions and policies of child abuse and neglect in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The project aims to sustain and improve the SCAN Policies Database's ability to support researchers, analysts, policymakers, child welfare agencies, and others in broadening their understanding of how differences in states' definitions and policies may influence rates of child maltreatment. A primary benefit of these data is to allow researchers to link the analytic files to other data sources, such as the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), other federal and state administrative data, and survey data. When data from the SCAN Policies Database are linked with other data sources, the linked data can be used to answer important questions about how variations in states' definitions and policies are associated with the incidence of child maltreatment, the child welfare system response, and ultimately, the safety and well-being of children.

Highlights

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. The scope of the 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 data in the SCAN Policies Database were collected over three time periods and reflect state definitions and policies for 2019, 2021, and 2023, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary of data collection for each year of the SCAN Policies Database

| SCAN Policies Database year | Data collection time period | Year for state laws and policies |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SCAN Policies Database 2019 | May 2019 – July 2020 | 2019 |
| SCAN Policies Database 2021 | July 2021 – January 2022 | 2021 |
| SCAN Policies Database 2023 | June 2023 – July 2024 | 2023 |
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Access to database and data use resources

The SCAN Policies Database and data use resources can be accessed at:

- The SCAN Policies Database website at https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com.
 This website provides an interactive tool to view and filter data by state and topic. Users can download the full data file in comma-delimited format and access data use resources.
- The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) at https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov.

NDACAN provides access to the full data file in a variety of formats, including commonly used statistical packages. NDACAN can also provide technical or analytic support for users who access the data from NDACAN.

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| 1 | State | State abbreviation | 7 |
| 2 | StateFIPS | State FIPS code | 7 |
| 3 | RegionCode | Census region code | 7 |
| 4 | Verified | State verified coding | 8 |
| 5 | DocumentsConfirmed | State confirmed documents | 8 |
| 6 | Year | State definitions and policies for calendar year | 8 |
| 7 | Version | Data version | 9 |
| D1_1 | Def_PhysicalAbuse | Definition includes physical abuse | 12 |
| D1_2 | Def_Punishment | Definition includes excessive corporal punishment or severe discipline | 12 |
| D1_3 | Def_SexAbuse | Definition includes sexual abuse or sexual exposure | 12 |
| D1_4 | Def_Emotional | Definition includes emotional maltreatment, moral neglect or exploitation | 13 |
| D1_5 | Def_Neglect | Definition includes neglect | 13 |
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| D1_14 | Def_DrugLab | Definition includes exposure to drug lab | 16 |
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| D1_16 | Def_DrugAlcMisuse | Definition includes drug or alcohol misuse | 17 |
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| D1_18 | Def_IllicitSubstance | Definition includes illegal substance | 18 |
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| D1_22 | Def_FailureToProtect | Definition includes failure to protect | 19 |
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| D1_25 | Def_InstitutionalAbuseNeglect | Definition includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect | 20 |
| D1_99 | Def_Other | Definition includes other type of child maltreatment | 21 |
| D1_99_other | Def_OtherSpecify | Definition includes other type of child maltreatment-specify | 21 |
| D1_100 | Def_Subtype_Abuse | Subtypes of maltreatment considered abuse | 21 |
| D1_101 | Def_Subtype_Neglect | Subtypes of maltreatment considered neglect | 21 |
| D1_102 | Def_Subtype_Other | Subtypes of maltreatment considered other maltreatment | 22 |
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| D2_2 | DefMal_RiskOfHarm | Definition includes or substantial risk of harm or imminent danger | 22 |
| D3 | DefMal_Harm_VaryByType | Definition re inflicting/risk of harm varies by maltreatment type | 23 |
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| D4_2 | DefHarm_Emotional | Type of harm-emotional harm | 24 |
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| D4_4 | DefHarm_NotSpecified | Type of harm-type of harm or injury not specified | 24 |
| D4_99 | DefHarm_Other | Type of harm-other | 25 |
| D4_99_other | DefHarm_OtherSpecify | Type of harm specified-other specify | 25 |
| D5 | DefHarm_VaryByType | Definition re type of harm varies by maltreatment type | 25 |
| D5_1 | DefHarm_VaryByTypeSpecify | Definition of type of harm varies by maltreatment type-specify | 26 |
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| R4_1_8 | ReporterTraining_MedicalDental | Reporter training-medical or dental professionals | 59 |
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| R5_1_6 | ReporterPenalty_CampStaff | Penalties-camp counselors | 68 |
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| R5_1_8 | ReporterPenalty_MedicalDental | Failure to report penalties-medical or dental professionals | 69 |
| R5_1_9 | ReporterPenalty_SUDProvider | Failure to report penalties-substance use disorder treatment providers | 69 |
| R5_1_10 | ReporterPenalty_MHProf | Failure to report penalties-mental health and other social service professional | 69 |
| R5_1_11 | ReporterPenalty_Police | Failure to report penalties-police or other law enforcement | 70 |
| R5_1_12 | ReporterPenalty_EMTEmergency | Penalties-emergency medical technician | 70 |
| R5_1_13 | ReporterPenalty_Judges | Failure to report penalties-judges | 70 |
| R5_1_14 | ReporterPenalty_DAAttorneys | Penalties-district attorneys | 71 |
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| R5_1_20 | ReporterPenalty_Volunteer | Failure to report penalties-volunteers | 73 |
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| S5_2_99 | ScreenReq_OtherCases | Other activity or information for screening required for all or some cases | 99 |
| S5_2_99_1 | ScreenReq_OtherCases_Specify | Specify cases that require other activity or information for screening | 99 |
| S5_3_1 | ScreenRiskAssess_SDM | Safety or risk assessment tool used for screening-Structured Decision Making | 100 |
| S5_3_99 | ScreenRiskAssess_Other | Safety or risk assessment tool used for screening-other | 100 |
| S5_3_99_other | ScreenRiskAssess_OtherSpecify | Safety or risk assessment tool used for screening-other specify | 100 |
| S6 | ScreenInfo_Statewide | Screening activities/information consistent statewide or vary locally | 101 |
| S6_2_other | ScreenInfo_VaryLocalSpecify | Screening activities/information vary locally-specify | 101 |
| S7_1 | Screener_Caseworker | Staff who conduct screening of reports-caseworker or frontline staff | 101 |
| S7_2 | Screener_Supervisor | Staff who conduct screening of reports-supervisor or managers | 102 |
| S7_3 | Screener_SpecialUnit | Staff who conducts screening of reports-specialized unit or staff role | 102 |
| S7_99 | Screener_Other | Staff who conducts screening of reports-other | 102 |
| S7_99_other | Screener_OtherSpecify | Staff who conducts screening of reports-other specify | 103 |
| S8_1 | ScreenerQual_Associate | Qualifications of staff who screen reports-associate's degree | 103 |
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| S8_3 | ScreenerQual_Master | Qualifications of staff who screen reports-master's degree | 104 |
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| S8_5 | ScreenerQual_Experience | Qualifications of staff who screen reports-years of experience | 105 |
| S8_5_other | ScreenerQual_ExperienceSpecify | Specification of qualifications of staff who screen reports-years of experience | 105 |
| S8_99 | ScreenerQual_Other | Qualifications of staff who screen reports-other | 105 |
| S8_99_other | ScreenerQual_OtherSpecify | Specification of qualifications of staff who screen reports-other | 106 |
| S8_1_1 | ScreenerQual_SW | Qualifications of staff who screen reports-SW degree | 106 |
| S8_1_1_99_other | ScreenerQual_SW_OtherSpecify | Specification of qualifications of staff who screen reports-SW degree | 106 |
| S9 | TribalScreen | Tribes involved in screening of Tribal cases | 107 |
| S9_1 | TribalScreen_Specify | Specify Tribes involved in screening of Tribal cases | 107 |
| I 1 | InvPenalty_Criminal | Child maltreatment investigations lead can lead to criminal penalties | 110 |
| 12 | InvestigationReq | Activities required as part of investigation process | 110 |
| I2_1_1 | InvestReq_PriorCPS | Required investigation activity-review records for prior CPS involvement | 110 |
| 12_1_2 | InvestReq_HomeVisit | Required investigation activity-home visit | 111 |
| 12_1_3 | InvestReq_Victim | Required investigation activity-interview or observation of victim | 111 |

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| 12_1_4 | InvestReq_OtherChild | Required investigation activity-interview or observation of other children | 111 |
| 12_1_5 | InvestReq_RiskAssess | Required investigation activity-risk or safety assessment | 112 |
| 12_1_6 | InvestReq_HomeStudy | Required investigation activity-home study | 112 |
| 12_1_7 | InvestReq_Parent | Required investigation activity-interview of parents or caregivers | 112 |
| 12_1_8 | InvestReq_PerpCrim | Required investigation activity-check criminal records of perpetrator | 113 |
| 12_1_9 | InvestReq_PerpPriorCPS | Required investigation activity-check prior CPS records of perpetrator | 113 |
| 12_1_10 | InvestReq_MedEval | Required investigation activity-medical evaluation | 113 |
| 12_1_11 | InvestReq_MHEval | Required investigation activity-mental health evaluation | 114 |
| 12_1_12 | InvestReq_PerpInterview | Required investigation activity-interview alleged perpetrator | 114 |
| 12_1_13 | InvestReq_Reporter | Required investigation activity-interview reporter or collateral source | 114 |
| 12_1_99 | InvestReq_Other | Required investigation activity-other | 115 |
| I2_1_99_other | InvestReq_OtherSpecify | Required investigation activity-other specify | 115 |
| 12_2_1 | InvestReq_PriorCPSCases | Investigation requirement for review of prior CPS records | 115 |
| 12_3_1 | InvestReq_PriorCPSCases_Specify | Specify cases that require prior CPS record review for investigation | 116 |
| 12_2_2 | InvestReq_HomeVisitCases | Investigation requirement for home visit | 116 |
| 12_3_2 | InvestReq_HomeVisitCases_Specify | Specify cases that require home visit for investigation | 116 |
| 12_2_3 | InvestReq_VictimCases | Investigation requirement for victim interview | 117 |
| 12_3_3 | InvestReq_VictimCases_Specify | Specify cases that require victim interview for investigation | 117 |
| 12_2_4 | InvestReq_OtherChildrenCase | Investigation requirement for other child interview | 117 |
| 12_3_4 | InvestReq_OtherChildrenCase_Spec | Specify cases that require other children interviewed for investigation | 118 |
| 12_2_5 | InvestReq_RiskAssessCases | Investigation requirement for risk assessment | 118 |
| 12_3_5 | InvestReq_RiskAssessCase_Specify | Specify cases that require risk assessment for investigation | 118 |
| 12_2_6 | InvestReq_HomeStudyCases | Investigation requirement for home study | 119 |
| 12_3_6 | InvestReq_HomeStudyCases_Specify | Specify cases that require home study for investigation | 119 |
| 12_2_7 | InvestReq_ParentCases | Investigation requirement for parent interview | 119 |
| 12_3_7 | InvestReq_ParentCases_Specify | Specify cases that require parent interview for investigation | 120 |
| 12_2_8 | InvestReq_PerpCrimCases | Investigation requirement for prior criminal record check | 120 |
| 12_3_8 | InvestReq_PerpCrimCases_Specify | Specify cases that require prior criminal record check for investigation | 120 |
| 12_2_9 | InvestReq_PerpPriorCPSCases | Investigation requirement for central registry check | 121 |
| 12_3_9 | InvestReq_PerpPriorCPSCases_Spec | Specify cases that require central registry check for investigation | 121 |

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| 12_2_10 | InvestReq_MedEvalCases | Investigation requirement for medical evaluation | 121 |
| I2_3_10 | InvestReq_MedEvalCases_Specify | Specify cases that require medical evaluation for investigation | 122 |
| I2_2_11 | InvestReq_MHEvalCases | Investigation requirement for mental health evaluation | 122 |
| I2_3_11 | InvestReq_MHEvalCases_Specify | Specify cases that require mental health evaluation for investigation | 122 |
| 12_2_12 | InvestReq_PerpInterviewCases | Required investigation activity-interview alleged perpetrator for all/some cases | 123 |
| I2_3_12 | InvestReq_PerpInterviewCase_Spec | Specify cases that require perpetrator interview for investigation | 123 |
| I2_2_13 | InvestReq_ReporterCases | Required investigation activity-interview reporter/sources for all/some cases | 123 |
| I2_3_13 | InvestReq_ReporterCases_Specify | Specify cases that require reporter interview for investigation | 124 |
| 12_2_99 | InvestReq_OtherCases | Investigation requirement for other activity | 124 |
| 12_3_99 | InvestReq_OtherCases_Specify | Specify cases that require other activity for investigation | 124 |
| I3_1 | InvestStaff_Caseworker | Staff who conduct investigations of reports-case worker | 125 |
| I3 <u>2</u> | InvestStaff_Supervisor | Staff who conduct investigations of reports-supervisor | 125 |
| I3_3 | InvestStaff_SpecialUnit | Staff who conduct investigations of reports-specialized unit or staff roles | 125 |
| l3_4 | InvestStaff_LawEnforcement | Staff who conduct investigations of reports-law enforcement | 126 |
| 13_99 | InvestStaff_Other | Staff who conduct investigations of reports-other | 126 |
| 13_99_other | InvestStaff_OtherSpecify | Staff who conduct investigations of reports-other specify | 126 |
| I4_1 | InvestQual_Associate | Qualifications of investigation staff-associate's degree | 127 |
| I4_2 | InvestQual_Bachelor | Qualifications of investigation staff-bachelor's degree | 127 |
| I4_3 | InvestQual_Master | Qualifications of investigation staff-master's degree | 127 |
| 14_4 | InvestQual_Training | Qualifications of investigation staff-training | 128 |
| I4_4_other | InvestQual_TrainingSpecify | Specification of qualifications of investigation staff-training | 128 |
| 14_5 | InvestQual_Experience | Qualifications of investigation staff-years of experience | 128 |
| I4_5_other | InvestQual_ExperienceSpecify | Specification of qualifications of investigation staff-years of experience | 129 |
| 14_99 | InvestQual_Other | Qualifications of investigation staff-other | 129 |
| 14_99_other | InvestQual_OtherSpecify | Qualifications of investigation staff-other specify | 129 |
| I4_1_1 | InvestQual_SW | Qualifications of investigation staff-SW degree | 130 |
| I4_1_1_99_other | InvestQual_SW_OtherSpecify | Specification of qualifications of investigation staff-SW degree | 130 |
| 15 | EvidenceLevel | Level of evidence required for substantiation | 130 |
| 16 | InvestInconclusive | Inconclusive investigation determination | 131 |
| W1 | AlternativeResponse | State has alternative or differential response | 134 |

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| W1_1 | AltResp_EligibilityMaltreatment | Eligibility for alternative response based on type of maltreatment | 134 |
| W1_2_1 | AltResp_Inelig_Fatality | Child fatality cases are not eligible for alternative response | 135 |
| W1_2_2 | AltResp_Inelig_SubExposed | Substance-exposed newborn cases are not eligible for alternative response | 135 |
| W1_2_3 | AltResp_Inelig_PhysicalAbuse | Physical abuse cases are not eligible for alternative response | 135 |
| W1_2_4 | AltResp_Inelig_SexAbuse | Sexual abuse cases are not eligible for alternative response | 136 |
| W1_2_5 | AltResp_Inelig_Neglect | Neglect cases are not eligible for alternative response | 136 |
| W1_2_6 | AltResp_Inelig_Abandoned | Abandoned infant cases are not eligible for alternative response | 136 |
| W1_2_99 | AltResp_Inelig_Other | Cases with other child maltreatment are not eligible for alternative response | 137 |
| W1_2_99_other | AltResp_Inelig_OtherSpecify | Specification of other child maltreatment not eligible for alternative response | 137 |
| W1_3 | AltResp_EligibilityRiskDet | Eligibility for alternative response informed by risk determination | 137 |
| W1_4 | AltResp_EligibilityRiskTool | Tool used to determine risk for alternative response | 138 |
| W1_4_other | AltResp_EligibilityRiskToolSpec | Tool is used to determine risk for alt response-specify | 138 |
| W1_5_0 | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_No | Risk level eligible for alternative response-no risk | 138 |
| W1_5_1 | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Low | Risk level eligible for alternative response-low risk | 139 |
| W1_5_2 | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Moderate | Risk level eligible for alternative response-moderate risk | 139 |
| W1_5_99 | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Other | Risk level eligible for alternative response-other risk | 139 |
| W1_5_99_other | AltResp_EligibilityRiskOtherSpec | Risk level eligible for alternative response-other specify | 140 |
| W1_5_88 | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Unknown | Risk level eligible for alternative response-unknown | 140 |
| W1_6_0 | AltResp_Eligibility_NoOtherCases | Cases eligible for alternative response-no other conditions | 140 |
| W1_6_1 | AltResp_Eligibility_NoSafetyCon | Cases eligible for alternative response-no immediate safety concerns | 141 |
| W1_6_2 | AltResp_Eligibility_PriorReports | Cases eligible for alternative response-no or few prior reports | 141 |
| W1_6_99 | AltResp_Eligibility_Other | Cases eligible for alternative response-other conditions | 141 |
| W1_6_99_other | AltResp_Eligibility_OtherSpecify | Cases eligible for alternative response-other conditions specify | 142 |
| W1_7_1 | AltResp_Process_AtScreening | Alternative response determination process-at time of screening | 142 |
| W1_7_2 | AltResp_Process_AfterScreenIn | Alternative response determination process-after report screened-in | 142 |
| W1_7_99 | AltResp_Process_Other | Alternative response determination process-other | 143 |
| W1_7_99_other | AltResp_Process_OtherSpecify | Alternative response determination process-other specify | 143 |
| W2_0 | AltResp_ServiceReferral_No | Alternative response cases do not have referrals to community services | 143 |
| W2_1 | AltResp_ServiceReferral_AllCases | All alternative response cases have referrals to community services | 144 |

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| W2_2 | AltResp_ServiceReferral_Interest | Alternative response cases have referrals to community services when interested | 144 |
| W2_3 | AltResp_ServiceReferral_Risk | Alternative response cases have referrals to community services when risk | 145 |
| W2_4 | AltResp_ServiceReferralOther | Alternative response cases have referrals to community services-other | 145 |
| W2_4_other | AltResp_ServiceReferralOtherSpec | Alternative response cases have referrals to community services-other specify | 145 |
| W3 | InHome_Unsubstantiated | In-home services provided for unsubstantiated cases | 146 |
| W4 | InHome_PostReunification | In-home services provided post reunification | 146 |
| W5 | TribalFoster | Tribes involved in providing foster care for Tribal cases | 147 |
| W5_1 | TribalFoster_Specify | Specify Tribes involved in providing foster care of Tribal cases | 147 |
| W5_2 | Tribe_IVE | Tribes directly operate a Title IV-E program | 147 |
| W5_2 | Tribe_IVE_Number | Specify the number of Tribes that operate a Title IV-E program | 148 |
| W5_2 | Tribe_IVE_Specify | Specify the name of Tribe(s) that operates a Title IV-E program | 148 |
| W5_3 | ICWAState | State law codified federal ICWA requirements | 148 |
| W5_3_1 | ICWAState_TribalStatus | State law codified requirement-identify child's Tribal status | 149 |
| W5_3_1 | ICWAState_ActiveEfforts | State law codified requirement-use active efforts | 149 |
| W5_3_1 | ICWAState_Notification | State law codified requirement-notify child's parents/Tribe | 149 |
| W5_3_1 | ICWAState_Custody | State law codified requirement-actively work to involve child's parents/Tribe | 150 |
| W5_3_1 | ICWAState_Placement | State law codified requirement-identify placement using ICWA preference | 150 |
| W5_3_1 | ICWAState_Expert | State law codified requirement-use qualified expert witnesses | 150 |
| W5_3_2 | ICWAState_StateRecTribes | State law codified requirement applies to state-recognized Tribe | 151 |
| W6 | ExtendedFosterCare | Extended foster care available for those older than age 18 | 151 |
| W6 | ExtendedFosterCare_OtherSpecify | Specify other types of extended foster care services for those older than age 18 | 151 |
| W6_1 | ExtendedFosterCare_Age | Extended foster care available up to a specific age | 152 |
| W6_1_99_other | ExtendedFosterCare_Age_OtherSpec | Extended foster care available until specified age-other specify | 152 |
| W6_2 | ExtFosterCare_Request | Extended foster care-youth requests or opts in | 152 |
| W6_2 | ExtFosterCare_Request_OtherSpec | Other process for youth to receive extended foster care-other specify | 153 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_None | Extended foster care criteria-none | 153 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_School | Extended foster care criteria-enrolled in school | 153 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Employed | Extended foster care criteria-employed | 154 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Training | Extended foster care criteria-workforce development/training | 154 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Plan | Extended foster care criteria-comply with IL plan | 154 |

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| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Services | Extended foster care criteria-receive IL/other services | 155 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Exempt | Extended foster care criteria-medical exemption | 155 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Other | Extended foster care criteria-other | 155 |
| W6_3 | ExtFosterCare_Criteria_OtherSpec | Extended foster care criteria-other specify | 156 |
| W6_4 | ExtFosterCare_Reentry | State allows reentry to extended foster care for those over age 18 | 156 |
| W6_4_1 | ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Consent | Extended foster care reentry condition-consent or agreement | 156 |
| W6_4_1 | ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Plan | Extended foster care reentry condition-develop IL plan | 157 |
| W6_4_1 | ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Best | Extended foster care reentry condition-best interest of youth | 157 |
| W6_4_1 | ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Other | Extended foster care reentry condition-other | 158 |
| W6_4_1 | ExtFosterCare_Reentry_OtherSpec | Extended foster care reentry condition-other specify | 158 |
| W7 | KinGuardianship | State has kinship guardianship | 158 |
| W8 | SubGuardianship | State has subsidized guardianship | 159 |
| W9 | SubKinGuardianship | State has subsidized kinship guardianship | 159 |
| W10 | SubAdoption | State has subsidized adoption | 159 |
| W11_1 | CaseManagement_State | Staff who conduct foster care case management-state or county agency staff | 160 |
| W11_2 | CaseManagement_Provider | Staff who conduct foster care case management-contracted provider | 160 |
| W11_3 | CaseManagement_Tribal | Staff who conduct foster care case management-Tribal agency staff | 160 |
| W12_1 | CaseManagerQual_Associate | Qualifications of foster care case managers-associate's degree | 161 |
| W12_2 | CaseManagerQual_Bachelor | Qualifications of foster care case managers-bachelor's degree | 161 |
| W12_3 | CaseManagerQual_Master | Qualifications of foster care case managers-master's degree | 161 |
| W12_4 | CaseManagerQual_Training | Qualifications of foster care case managers-training | 162 |
| W12_4_other | CaseManagerQual_TrainingSpecify | Qualifications of foster care case managers-training specify | 162 |
| W12_5 | CaseManagerQual_Experience | Qualifications of foster care case managers-years of experience | 162 |
| W12_5_other | CaseManagerQual_ExperienceSpec | Qualifications of foster care case managers-years of experience specify | 163 |
| W12_99 | CaseManagerQual_Other | Qualifications of foster care case managers-other | 163 |
| W12_99_other | CaseManagerQual_OtherSpecify | Qualifications of foster care case managers-other specify | 163 |
| W12_1_1 | CaseManagerQual_SW | Qualifications of foster care case manager staff-SW degree | 164 |
| W12_1_1_99_other | CaseManagerQual_SW_OtherSpec | Specification of qualifications of foster care case manager staff-SW degree | 164 |
| W13_0 | EquityStaffRole_No | Child welfare agency does not have equity staff roles | 164 |
| W13_1 | EquityStaffRole_CulturalBroker | Child welfare agency has cultural brokers | 165 |

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| W13_2 | EquityStaffRole_Manager | Child welfare agency has DEI manager administrator or office | 165 |
| W13_99 | EquityStaffRole_Other | Child welfare agency has equity staff - other | 165 |
| W13_88 | EquityStaffRole_Unknown | Child welfare agency has equity staff - unknown | 166 |
| W13_1_1 | CulturalBroker_Screening | Cultural brokers are involved in screening | 166 |
| W13_1_2 | CulturalBroker_Investigation | Cultural brokers are involved in investigation | 166 |
| W13_1_3 | CulturalBroker_CaseMgmt | Cultural brokers are involved in case management or child welfare response | 167 |
| W13_1_99 | CulturalBroker_Other | Cultural brokers are involved in process-other | 167 |
| W13_1_99_other | CulturalBroker_OtherSpecify | Cultural brokers are involved in process-other specify | 167 |
| W13_2_1 | EquityStaff_Specify | Equity staff role or job function-specify | 168 |
| W13_2_2_1 | EquityStaff_Screening | Equity staff are involved in screening | 168 |
| W13_2_2_2 | EquityStaff_Investigation | Equity staff are involved in investigation | 168 |
| W13_2_2_3 | EquityStaff_CaseMgmt | Equity staff are involved in case management or child welfare response | 169 |
| W13_2_2_99 | EquityStaff_Other | Equity staff are involved in process-other | 169 |
| W13_2_2_99_other | EquityStaff_OtherSpecify | Equity staff are involved in process-other specify | 169 |
| W14 | AntiDiscrim | State anti-discrimination law for child welfare agency | 170 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Age | State prohibits discrimination based on age | 170 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Race | State prohibits discrimination based on race or ethnicity | 170 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Tribal | State prohibits discrimination based on Tribal affiliation | 171 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Gender | State prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression | 171 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_SexualOrientation | State prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation | 172 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Sex | State prohibits discrimination based on sex | 172 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Disability | State prohibits discrimination based on disability | 172 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Religion | State prohibits discrimination based on religion or creed | 173 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_National | State prohibits discrimination based on national origin | 173 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Poverty | State prohibits discrimination based on poverty | 174 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Marital | State prohibits discrimination based on marital status | 174 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Crim | State prohibits discrimination based on justice involvement/criminal history | 175 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Color | State prohibits discrimination based on color | 175 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Ancestry | State prohibits discrimination based on ancestry | 176 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Political | State prohibits discrimination based on political beliefs or affiliations | 176 |

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| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Military | State prohibits discrimination based on military or veteran status | 177 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Genetic | State prohibits discrimination based on genetic information | 177 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Familial | State prohibits discrimination based on familial status | 178 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Other | State prohibits discrimination based on other characteristics | 178 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_OtherSpecify | Specification of other characteristics state prohibits discrimination | 178 |
| W14_1 | AntiDiscrim_Unknown | State prohibits discrimination based on characteristics - unknown | 179 |
| W14_2 | AntiDiscrim_Who_All | Discrimination prohibited-all children/families engaged by child welfare system | 179 |
| W14_2 | AntiDiscrim_Who_Some | Discrimination prohibited-some children/families engaged by child welfare system | 180 |
| W14_2 | AntiDiscrim_Who_SomeSpecify | Discrimination prohibited-Specify children/families engaged by child welfare | 180 |
| W14_3 | AntiDiscrim_Who_Vary | Discrimination prohibited-characteristics vary by who | 180 |
| W14_3 | AntiDiscrim_Who_VarySpecify | Discrimination prohibited-specify characteristics vary by who | 181 |
| W14_4 | AntiDiscrim_Apply_All | Discrimination prohibited-all child welfare decisions and processes | 181 |
| W14_4 | AntiDiscrim_Apply_Some | Discrimination prohibited-some child welfare decisions and processes | 181 |
| W14_4 | AntiDiscrim_Apply_SomeSpecify | Discrimination prohibited-specify some child welfare decisions and processes | 182 |
| W14_5 | AntiDiscrim_Apply_Vary | Discrimination prohibited-characteristics vary by decision point | 182 |
| W14_5 | AntiDiscrim_Apply_VarySpecify | Discrimination prohibited-specify characteristics vary by decision point | 182 |
| W14_6 | AntiDiscrim_Staff_CWAgency | Discrimination prohibited-by child welfare agency staff | 183 |
| W14_6 | AntiDiscrim_Staff_Contractor | Discrimination prohibited-by contracted child welfare provider staff | 183 |
| W14_6 | AntiDiscrim_Staff_Foster | Discrimination prohibited-by foster parents and kinship caregivers | 184 |
| W14_6 | AntiDiscrim_Staff_Other | Discrimination prohibited-by others | 184 |
| W14_6 | AntiDiscrim_Staff_OtherSpecify | Discrimination prohibited-specify others | 184 |
| W14_7 | AntiDiscrim_Staff_Vary | Discrimination prohibited-characteristics vary by staff | 185 |
| W14_7 | AntiDiscrim_Staff_VarySpecify | Discrimination prohibited-specify characteristics vary by staff | 185 |
| W14_8 | ReligiousObjections | Child welfare contractors with religious objections | 186 |
| W14_8 | ReligiousObjections_OtherSpecify | Child welfare contractors with religious objections-other specify | 186 |
| C1 | CWSystemAdmin | State child welfare system is state/county-administered | 189 |
| C2 | ConsentDecree | State operates under a legal consent decree | 189 |
| C2_1 | ConsentDecree_Specify | State operates under legal consent decree-specify | 189 |

Introduction to the SCAN Policies Database

The State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database compiles data on the definitions and policies that different 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 (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The project team is led by Mathematica in partnership with Child Trends.

Background

Although federal law is the foundation of the child welfare system, states drive much of the structure of their own systems. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (42 U.S.C.A. § 5106g), as amended in 2010, identifies certain acts or behaviors as child maltreatment. States must comply with the broader CAPTA definitions, but within those parameters, states have their own legal definitions. State laws—and the policies they set to enforce these laws—have different definitions of child abuse and neglect and different policies for reporting and responding to child maltreatment.

Data on the definitions and related policies for child abuse and neglect—state by state and over time—can help researchers, analysts, policymakers, child welfare agencies, and others broaden their understanding of differences between states and how these differences may influence rates of child maltreatment.

Purpose

The project's purpose is to maintain, enhance, and update the SCAN Policies Database by continuing to review and compile information about selected definitions and policies of child abuse and neglect in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The project aims to sustain and improve the SCAN Policies Database's ability to support researchers, analysts, policymakers, child welfare agencies, and others in broadening their understanding of how differences in states' definitions and policies may influence rates of child maltreatment. The SCAN Policies Database has information about states' definitions of child abuse and neglect, plus information about related policies on reporting, screening, and investigating child maltreatment. The database also includes selected information about the child welfare system's responses to child maltreatment and information about the context of the child welfare system. More detailed information about the content is provided below.

A primary benefit of these data is to allow researchers to link the analytic files to other data sources, such as the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), other federal and state administrative data, and survey data. When data from the SCAN Policies Database are linked with other data sources, the linked data can be used to answer important questions about how variations in states' definitions and policies are associated with the incidence of child maltreatment, the child welfare system's response, and ultimately the safety and well-being of children.

Data access

Given the utility of the SCAN Policies Database when merged with datasets available through the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN), the SCAN Policies Database team and NDACAN have both agreed to disseminate the data. The SCAN Policies Database can be accessed in the following ways: (1) using an interactive data feature to explore data on the SCAN Policies Database website, (2) downloading the full data file in comma-delimited format from the SCAN Policies Database website, or (3) downloading the full dataset from NDACAN in one of several formats compatible with common statistical software, including SAS, SPSS, Stata, and a tab-delimited format for import into spreadsheet programs and R. The contents of the full data files and data use documentation are identical across both sources.

The full data files available for download include the following files: (1) SCAN Policies Database 2019, (2) SCAN Policies Database 2021, (3) SCAN Policies Database 2023, and (4) an appended SCAN Policies Database file that includes data from all available years (2019, 2021, and 2023) in one file. The appended SCAN Policies Database file is structured so the variable names are consistent across years, and each state has a row of data for each year of data collection. For variables that were new in 2023, a period (.) is used to indicate it was not collected in 2019 or 2021. The appended data file allows data users to easily analyze data across all years of data collection and assess changes over time.

Data use resources

This codebook provides information about each variable in the 2023 SCAN Policies Database, including variable names, labels, definitions, protocol number, variable type, and frequencies. There are separate codebooks to summarize the data from each round of data collection. The codebook has four appendices:

- 1. Appendix A: Glossary of key terms.
- 2. Appendix B:
 - 2019 Codebook: Summarizes corrections made to selected data elements in the 2019 SCAN Policies Database based on information from the 2021 review process.
 - ii. 2021 and 2023 Codebooks: Summarizes changes to data since the prior round of data collection that reflect changes to state laws and policies during this time period.
- 3. Appendix C: Supplemental notes that are important for accurately interpreting and using the data.
- Appendix D: Comprehensive list of all state statutes and policy documentation sources used to collect data for the SCAN Policies Database for each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Several additional 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, and guidance on using the data, such as how to link the data with other data sources;

and notes about specific topics. The data user's guide has three 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. Appendix C summarizes the changes to data between the 2021 and 2023 SCAN Policies data sets that reflect changes to state laws and policies during this time period. There is one data user's guide that is updated with and applicable for all rounds of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.

- **Data collection protocol:** The protocol has the questions used to collect information about state laws and policies for each round of data collection. Appendix A provides a glossary of key terms. There are separate data collection protocols for each round of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.
- Errata statement: The errata statement presents corrections applied to previous rounds of data for the SCAN Policies Database. During each round of data collection, the SCAN Policies Database project team obtained new information such as state documents or other feedback from state contacts. This new information warranted corrections to certain data elements from previously released versions of the SCAN Policies Database. The errata statement provides details about these corrections, including the year and version of the data requiring a correction, the affected variable name and state, the corrected value for each variable, plus the year and version of the data the in which the correction was applied.

This codebook, along with the other data use resources, can be found on the SCAN Policies Database website (https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources) or from NDACAN (https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/).

Technical assistance

Users with general inquiries and those who access the SCAN Policies Database from the SCAN Policies Database website (https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com) who need technical assistance can submit a request to SCANPoliciesDatabase@mathematica-mpr.com.

Other data users who access the SCAN Policies Database from NDACAN (https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/) can receive technical assistance by submitting a request to NDACAN staff provide free user support for the data sets that they distribute. They can address issues such as importing data to an analysis program, clarifying variable labels, or solving problems with the data as delivered. NDACAN staff cannot, however, replace the role of a statistical analyst or a faculty advisor. Before writing to NDACANsupport@cornell.edu for assistance with the data, please review the support resources provided on the User Support page of NDACAN's website (https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/user-support.cfm).

Updates for 2023

The SCAN Policies Database for 2023 includes any changes to data elements since 2021, which will allow users to identify whether a definition or policy changed for a state during this period. A summary of data elements that changed from 2021 to 2023 is in Appendix C in the data user's guide.

The SCAN Policies Database for 2023 includes a few updates to response categories for existing data elements and incorporates a few new topics based on recommendations from the SCAN Policies Database Advisory Group. The new data elements are organized within the current domain structure for the database. All new topics and associated data elements fall within the child welfare response domain and include the following:

| Domain | Topics and associated data elements |
|------------------------|--|
| Child welfare response | Whether any Tribes directly operate a Title-IV E program |
| | Whether the state codified requirements of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act |
| | Whether youth proactively request, provide consent for, or opt in to receive extended foster care |
| | State criteria for youth to remain in extended foster care |
| | Whether the state has laws or policies that allow for reentry of youth who age out of or leave foster care |
| | Whether the state has anti-discrimination laws, policies, or official statements that apply to the child welfare agency, including agency staff or their contractors, that prohibit discrimination against children, youth, or families involved in the child welfare system |
| | Whether the state has a law or policy that allows child welfare contracted organizations with sincerely held religious beliefs to withhold services from certain children or families due to religious objections |

Limitations

There are several limitations of the SCAN Policies Database that are important for data users to keep in mind. The SCAN Policies Database is intended to reflect state laws and policies that are written in documents, such as state statutes, regulations, and policies (hereafter referred to as state documents), to the extent those documents are publicly available or provided by state agency contacts.

The process of collecting and verifying the data relies on the collection of relevant state documents and the identification of information from these documents to support responses for each question in the data collection protocol. Although the SCAN Policies Database team requests input from state agency contacts to confirm state documents and verify responses, not all states are available to participate, and their participation varies across rounds of data collection. The variable "verified" shows whether a state verified the data during a particular round of data collection. Further, state verification of data is done from the perspective of the individual(s) checking the information and aligns with their own understanding of the laws and policies and their specific roles and responsibilities. It is beyond the scope of the SCAN Policies Database to collect information about states' practices. At times, information about policies is not available in documentation, and the SCAN Policies Database team considers input from state contacts to identify the correct responses.

The SCAN Policies Database includes several variables about Tribes and their role in the child maltreatment reporting and screening processes and in delivering foster care services. The SCAN Policies Database reflects states' laws and policies, and it is beyond the scope of the project to engage Tribes to verify this data at this time. The data reflect states' knowledge of Tribal involvement in responding to child maltreatment and providing foster care.

State Identifying Information



Attribute Value Variable Name: Value State

Variable Label: State abbreviation

Definition: State abbreviation

Protocol Number: 1

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 52

<u>Attribute</u> <u>Value</u>

Variable Name: StateFIPS

Variable Label: State FIPS code

Definition: State Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code

Protocol Number: 2
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 52

Attribute Value

Variable Name: RegionCode

Variable Label: Census region code

Definition: Census regional code for all states except Puerto Rico, which is

given a unique identifier of 999

Protocol Number: 3

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Northeast | 9 | 17.31 |
| 2 | Midwest | 12 | 23.08 |
| 3 | South | 17 | 32.69 |
| 4 | West | 13 | 25.00 |
| 999 | Puerto Rico | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Variable Name: Value Verified

Variable Label: State verified coding

Definition: State participated in verification of coding information for SCAN

Policies Database

Protocol Number: 4

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 7 & 13.46 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 45 & 86.54 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DocumentsConfirmed

Variable Label: State confirmed documents

Definition: State confirmed documents used as sources for coding

information for SCAN Policies Database

Protocol Number: 5

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 0
 Frequency 21.15
 Percent 21.15

 1
 Yes
 41
 78.85

Attribute Value Variable Name: Value Year

Variable Label: State definitions and policies for calendar year Definition: State definitions and policies for calendar year

Protocol Number: 6

Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52

N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 2023
 52
 100.00

Attribute Variable Name: Value Version

Variable Label: Data version

Definition: Version of data, which can be updated over time to reflect

corrections

Protocol Number: 7

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 52

DEFINITIONS DOMAIN

Definitions of Child Maltreatment



Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_PhysicalAbuse

Variable Label: Definition includes physical abuse

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes physical abuse,

including all types of physical injuries, harm, poisoning, near

death, and death

Protocol Number: D1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 52
 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def Punishment

Variable Label: Definition includes excessive corporal punishment or severe

discipline

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes excessive corporal

punishment, cruel punishment, or severe/excessive discipline

Protocol Number: D1_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 0
 Frequency 5
 Percent 9.62

 1
 Yes
 47
 90.38

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def SexAbuse

Variable Label: Definition includes sexual abuse or sexual exposure

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes sexual abuse, sexual

exposure, sexual molestation, unlawful sexual contact, conduct

or behavior, sexual assault, sexual offense, exposure to

pornographic, obscene, or other sexual materials, exposure to

bestiality, or access to registered sex offender

Protocol Number: D1_3
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_Emotional

Variable Label: Definition includes emotional maltreatment, moral neglect or

exploitation

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes emotional maltreatment,

emotional or psychological abuse, emotional damage, moral

neglect, moral turpitude, mental neglect, or exploitation

Protocol Number: D1_4
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 52
 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_Neglect

Variable Label: Definition includes neglect

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes neglect, including all

types of neglect, failure to exercise a minimum degree of care, subjecting/allowing maltreatment to occur, or failure to prevent

from recurring

Protocol Number: D1_5
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def InadequateClothing

Variable Label: Definition includes inadequate clothing

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes inadequate clothing,

failure to provide adequate clothing

Protocol Number: D1_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_InadequateShelter

Variable Label: Definition includes inadequate shelter

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes inadequate shelter,

failure to provide adequate shelter

Protocol Number: D1_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def Malnourishment

Variable Label: Definition includes malnourishment

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes malnourishment, failure

to provide adequate food

Protocol Number: D1_8
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_MedicalNeglect

Variable Label: Definition includes medical neglect

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes medical neglect, failure

to provide adequate medical care, dental, and mental health care

or treatment

Protocol Number: D1_9
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def FailuretoThrive

Variable Label: Definition includes failure to thrive

52

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes a non-organic failure-to-

thrive, which is a medically diagnosed condition in which the child fails to develop physically, indicated by the child's weight, height and motor development falling significantly below age-

appropriate ranges with no medical or organic cause

Protocol Number: D1_10
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 10 & 19.23 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 42 & 80.77 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_EducationalNeglect

Variable Label: Definition includes educational neglect

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes educational neglect,

failure to provide adequate education

Protocol Number: D1_11
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 10
 Frequency 16
 Percent 30.77

 1
 Yes
 36
 69.23

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_Abandonment

Variable Label: Definition includes abandonment

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes abandonment,

unlawfully abandoning child

Protocol Number: D1_12
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_InjuriousEnvironment

Variable Label: Definition includes injurious environment

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes injurious environment,

environmental neglect, or exposure to an environment that is

injurious to child's welfare

Protocol Number: D1_13
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 0 & \text{No} & & 7 & 13.46 \\ 1 & \text{Yes} & & 45 & 86.54 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_DrugLab

Variable Label: Definition includes exposure to drug lab

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes exposure to a drug lab

or location where illegal substances are being made/manufactured, including but not limited to

methamphetamines

Protocol Number: D1_14
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 8 | 15.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 44 | 84.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_InadequateSupervision

Variable Label: Definition includes inadequate supervision or failure of

responsibilities

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes inadequate supervision

or nurturing, harm due to inadequate supervision, or failure to meet parent or caretaker responsibilities (including proper and

necessary care, support, and custody)

Protocol Number: D1_15
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_DrugAlcMisuse

Variable Label: Definition includes drug or alcohol misuse

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes misusing or abusing

drugs or alcohol to the extent of losing self-control of actions and

risk causing emotional or physical damage or risk to the child

Protocol Number: D1_16
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 43 | 82.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_PrenatalExposure

Variable Label: Definition includes prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes prenatal exposure to

drugs or alcohol, substance exposed newborn and infants

Protocol Number: D1_17
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 13 | 25.00 |
| 1 | Yes | 39 | 75.00 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_IllicitSubstance

Variable Label: Definition includes illegal substance

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes causing or permitting a

child to be exposed to, inhale, ingest, or have contact with an illegal or controlled substance, chemical substance, or drug

paraphernalia

Protocol Number: D1_18
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 2
 Percent 2

 1
 Yes
 40
 76.92

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_HumanTrafficking

Variable Label: Definition includes human trafficking or sexual exploitation

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes human trafficking or

sexual exploitation

Protocol Number: D1_19
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def GenitalMutilation

Variable Label: Definition includes genital mutilation

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes any form of female

genital mutilation

Protocol Number: D1_20
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 30 & 57.69 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 22 & 42.31 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_ShakenBaby

Variable Label: Definition includes abusive head trauma or shaken baby

syndrome

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes shaken baby syndrome,

shaken impact syndrome, abusive head trauma, or an inflicted head or serious brain injury resulting from forcefully shaking an

infant or toddler

Protocol Number: D1_21
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 46 | 88.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_FailureToProtect

Variable Label: Definition includes failure to protect

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes causing child to suffer or

allowing another to mistreat or abuse the child without taking lawful means to stop such mistreatment or abuse and prevent it

from recurring

Protocol Number: D1_22
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 5 | 9.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 47 | 90.38 |

Attribute Value Variable Name: Def_DV

Variable Label: Definition includes exposure to domestic violence

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes exposure to domestic

violence, intimate partner violence, or household violence

Protocol Number: D1 23 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 15 | 28.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 37 | 71.15 |

Value Attribute

Variable Name: Def FactitiousDisorder

Variable Label: Definition includes Factitious Disorder/Munchausen Syndrome

by Proxy

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes Factitious Disorder by

Proxy, Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, or medical child abuse

Protocol Number: D1_24 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52 N: 52

Value Label Frequency Percent 0 No 27 51.92 1 Yes 25 48.08

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def InstitutionalAbuseNeglect

52

Variable Label: Definition includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes institutional abuse or

> neglect, including maltreatment while in foster care or out-ofhome care or other abuse or neglect that occurs in any public or

> private facility or institution is responsible for the care of the child

Protocol Number: D1_25 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52

N:

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 25 | 48.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 27 | 51.92 |

Attribute Value Variable Name: Value Def_Other

Variable Label: Definition includes other type of child maltreatment

Definition: Other type of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: D1_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 30
 57.69

 1
 Yes
 22
 42.31

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Definition includes other type of child maltreatment-specify

Definition: Specification of other type of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: D1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 22

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_Subtype_Abuse

Variable Label: Subtypes of maltreatment considered abuse

Definition: Description of which subtypes of child maltreatment are

considered a type of abuse within state's definition of child abuse

Protocol Number: D1_100
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 41

<u>Attribute</u> Value

Variable Name: Def_Subtype_Neglect

Variable Label: Subtypes of maltreatment considered neglect

Definition: Description of which subtypes of child maltreatment are

considered a type of neglect within state's definition of child

neglect

Protocol Number: D1_101
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 46

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Def_Subtype_Other

Variable Label: Subtypes of maltreatment considered other maltreatment Definition: Description of which subtypes of child maltreatment are

considered another type of maltreatment (other than abuse or

neglect) within state's definition of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: D1_102
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 6

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefMal_InflictHarm

Variable Label: Definition includes inflicting harm

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes when a child

experiences actual harm

Protocol Number: D2_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 52
 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefMal_RiskOfHarm

Variable Label: Definition includes or substantial risk of harm or imminent danger Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes substantial risk of harm

or imminent danger to child

Protocol Number: D2_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 1
 1.92

 1
 Yes
 51
 98.08

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefMal_Harm_VaryByType

Variable Label: Definition re inflicting/risk of harm varies by maltreatment type

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment regarding inflicting harm or risk of

harm varies by maltreatment type

Protocol Number: D3

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 40 & 76.92 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 12 & 23.08 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefMal_Harm_VaryByTypeSpecify

Variable Label: Definition of harm varies by maltreatment type-specify

Definition: Specification of how child maltreatment definition regarding

inflicting harm or risk of harm varies by maltreatment

Protocol Number: D3_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 12

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_Physical

Variable Label: Type of harm-physical harm

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes physical harm, including

death, bodily injury, and/or impairment of physical condition

Protocol Number: D4_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_Emotional

Variable Label: Type of harm-emotional harm

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes emotional harm,

including impairment of emotional or mental condition

Protocol Number: D4_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_Environment

Variable Label: Type of harm-harmful environment or conditions

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes harmful environment or

conditions

Protocol Number: D4_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 5
 Percent 9.62

 1
 Yes
 47
 90.38

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_NotSpecified

Variable Label: Type of harm-type of harm or injury not specified

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment does not specify harm or injury

Protocol Number: D4_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 0 & \text{No} & & 48 & 92.31 \\ 1 & \text{Yes} & & 4 & 7.69 \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_Other
Variable Label: Type of harm-other

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes other type of harm or

injury

Protocol Number: D4_99 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 46
 88.46

 1
 Yes
 6
 11.54

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Type of harm specified-other specify

Definition: Specification of other type of harm or injury included in child

maltreatment definition

Protocol Number: D4_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 6

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_VaryByType

Variable Label: Definition re type of harm varies by maltreatment type

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment regarding the type of harm or

injury varies by the type of maltreatment

Protocol Number: D5

Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 42 | 80.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefHarm_VaryByTypeSpecify

Variable Label: Definition of type of harm varies by maltreatment type-specify
Definition: Specification of how the child maltreatment definition regarding

the type of harm or injury varies by the type of maltreatment

Protocol Number: D5_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 10

Attribute Value
Variable Name: Value
DefPerp

Variable Label: Definition includes type of perpetrator

Definition: Perpetrator identified as part of child maltreatment definition

Protocol Number: D6

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_Parent

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-parent

Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes perpetrators who are

parents, including biological parents, current or former step-

parents, or adoptive parents

Protocol Number: D6_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_Guardian

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-guardian

Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes perpetrators who are legal

guardians

Protocol Number: D6_2
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 3 | 5.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 49 | 94.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_Caregiver

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-caregiver

Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes perpetrators who are

caregivers, caretakers, babysitters, care providers

Protocol Number: D6_3
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 46 | 88.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_FamilyMember

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-family member

Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes perpetrators who are

family members or parent's significant other/paramour

Protocol Number: D6_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 27 | 51.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 25 | 48.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_HouseholdMember

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-household member

Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes perpetrators who are

household members or residing in home

Protocol Number: D6_5
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 20 | 38.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 32 | 61.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_PersonResponsible

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-person responsible for child Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes perpetrators who are

persons responsible for or in authority over a child, including custodian, foster parent, school teacher/school staff/school volunteer/school contractor/school agent, child care provider, residential facility or other institution caring for child, person given access to a child by person responsible for child

Protocol Number: D6_6
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_AnyPerson

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-any person

Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes perpetrators who are any

person (including familial, non-familial, children, person under age 18, and person over age 18). Please note this variable was renamed in 2023 to be more inclusive of any person and not just adults. It was previously named DefPerp_AnyAdult in the 2021

and 2019 data.

Protocol Number: D6_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 0
 Frequency 0
 Percent 53.85

 1
 Yes
 24
 46.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_Other

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-other

Definition: Child maltreatment definition includes other perpetrators

Protocol Number: D6_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

 Universe:
 52

 N:
 52

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 40
 Percent 76.92

 1
 Yes
 12
 23.08

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Definition includes perpetrator-other specify

Definition: Specification of other perpetrators included in child maltreatment

definition

Protocol Number: D6_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 12

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_VaryByType

Variable Label: Definition of perpetrator varies by maltreatment type

Definition: Perpetrator identified as part of child maltreatment definition

varies by type of maltreatment

Protocol Number: D7

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 12 & 23.08 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 40 & 76.92 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefPerp_VaryByTypeSpecify

Variable Label: Definition of perpetrator varies by maltreatment type-specify
Definition: Specification of how the perpetrator identified as part of child

maltreatment definition varies by type of maltreatment

Protocol Number: D7_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 40

Attribute Variable Name: Value DefAge

Variable Label: Definition specifies age of child

Definition: Child maltreatment definition specifies child age

Protocol Number: D8
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefAge_Specify

Variable Label: Age of child specified in definition

52

Definition: Specification of child age included in child maltreatment

definition, including when there is variability for certain ages or

when they are in the care of the child welfare agency

Protocol Number: D8_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Under age 18 | 23 | 44.23 |
| 2 | Under age 18 with variability under 18 | 15 | 28.85 |
| 3 | Under age 18 and up to 21 if in the care of the agency | 7 | 13.46 |
| 4 | Under age 18 with variability over 18 | 2 | 3.85 |
| 5 | Under age 18 with variability under 18 and over 18 | 2 | 3.85 |
| 6 | Under age 18 and up to 21 if in the care of the agency and | 2 | 3.85 |
| | variability over 18 | | |
| 8 | Under age 19 | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefAge_VaryByType

Variable Label: Age of child in definition varies by maltreatment type

Definition: Child age specified in child maltreatment definition varies by type

of maltreatment

Protocol Number: D9

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 29 | 55.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 23 | 44.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DefAge_VaryByTypeSpecify

Variable Label: Age of child specified in definition varies by maltreatment type-

specify

Definition: Specification of how child age specified in child maltreatment

definition varies by type of maltreatment

Protocol Number: D9_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 23

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Exempt_FinancialIssues

Variable Label: Exemption from definition-financial issues

52

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes exemption for financial

inability to provide for a child

Protocol Number: D10_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 20 & 38.46 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 32 & 61.54 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Exempt_Discipline

Variable Label: Exemption from definition-reasonable discipline

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes exemption for physical

discipline as long as it is reasonable and causes no bodily injury

to the child

Protocol Number: D10_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 10
 19.23

 1
 Yes
 42
 80.77

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Exempt SafeHaven

Variable Label: Exemption from definition-safe haven

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes exemption for newborns

relinquished or abandoned in accordance with infant safe haven

and safe surrender laws

Protocol Number: D10_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Exempt_SubstanceExposed

Variable Label: Exemption from definition-substance exposed infant from

medical treatment

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes exemption for

substance exposed newborns with positive test for controlled

substance as a result of parent's medical treatment

Protocol Number: D10_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 23
 44.23

 1
 Yes
 29
 55.77

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Exempt_Religious

Variable Label: Exemption from definition-religious medical treatment

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes exemption for parent

using spiritual or religious forms of medical treatment

Protocol Number: D10_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

 Universe:
 52

 N:
 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 41 | 78.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Exempt Other

Variable Label: Exemption from definition-other

Definition: Definition of child maltreatment includes other exemption

Protocol Number: D10_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 37 | 71.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 15 | 28.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Exempt_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Exemption from definition-other specify

Definition: Specification of other exemption included in definition of child

maltreatment

Protocol Number: D10_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven_Location

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requires child be left at specific place or

provider

Definition: Safe haven exemption requires child be left at specific locations

or with designated safe surrender provider

Protocol Number: D10_3_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven_Parent

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requires child be left by parent or parent's

agent

Definition: Safe haven exemption requires child to be left by parent or

parent's agent/representative

Protocol Number: D10_3_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 6
 Percent 11.54

 1
 Yes
 46
 88.46

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven_Age

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requires child be left by certain age

Definition: Safe haven exemption requires child to be left by a certain age

Protocol Number: D10_3_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven_NoIntentReturn

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requires no intent to return for child Definition: Safe haven exemption requires that there is no intent of the

parent to return for the child

Protocol Number: D10_3_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 32.69

 1
 Yes
 35
 67.31

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven ChildUnharmed

52

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requires child be left unharmed

Definition: Safe haven exemption requires child to be left unharmed

Protocol Number: D10_3_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 16
 30.77

 1
 Yes
 36
 69.23

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven_Other

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requirement-other

Definition: Safe haven exemption has other requirements

Protocol Number: D10_3_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 48 | 92.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requirement-other specify
Definition: Specification of other safe haven requirements

Protocol Number: D10_3_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 4

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SafeHaven_AgeSpecify

Variable Label: Safe haven exemption requires child be left by certain age-

specify

Definition: Specification of ages in which a child must be left in accordance

with safe haven exemption

Protocol Number: D10_3_3_other

Variable Type: Numeric

| Value Label Fre | | Frequency | Percent |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 72 hours old or younger | 7 | 13.46 |
| 2 | 7 days old or younger | 4 | 7.69 |
| 3 | 10 days old or younger | 1 | 1.92 |
| 4 | 14 days old or younger | 4 | 7.69 |
| 5 | 21 days old or younger | 1 | 1.92 |
| 6 | 28 days old or younger | 1 | 1.92 |
| 7 | 30 days old or younger | 23 | 44.23 |
| 9 | 45 days old or younger | 3 | 5.77 |
| 10 | 60 days old or younger | 5 | 9.62 |
| 11 | 90 days old or younger | 2 | 3.85 |
| 12 | 1 year old or younger | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FatalitiesDefine_Not
Variable Label: Child fatalities not defined

Definition: State does not define child fatalities or deaths caused by child

abuse or neglect

Protocol Number: D11_0
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 49 | 94.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FatalitiesDefine_Injury

Variable Label: Child fatalities definition includes injury

Definition: State definition of child fatalities includes injury from abuse or

neglect caused death

Protocol Number: D11_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 41 | 78.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FatalitiesDefine_Abuse

Variable Label: Child fatalities definition includes abuse or neglect as

contributing factor

Definition: State definition of child fatalities includes abuse or neglect was a

contributing factor in the death

Protocol Number: D11_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 19 | 36.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 33 | 63.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FatalitiesDefine_Care

Variable Label: Child fatalities definition includes death of children in foster care

Definition: State definition of child fatalities includes death of child who is currently or was previously engaged in child welfare, including

those with an investigation, open case, or are in custody/foster

care

Protocol Number: D11_3
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 34
 65.38

 1
 Yes
 18
 34.62

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FatalitiesDefine_Other

Variable Label: Child fatalities definition includes other

Definition: State definition of child fatalities or deaths caused by child abuse

or neglect includes other

Protocol Number: D11_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 44
 84.62

 1
 Yes
 8
 15.38

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FatalitiesDefine OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Child fatalities definition includes other - specify

Definition: Specification of other for state definition of child fatalities or

deaths caused by child abuse or neglect

Protocol Number: D11_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 8

Attribute Value

Variable Name: **FatalitiesReview**

Variable Label: Child fatality case review

Definition: State conducts case reviews with a child fatality review team or

similar review process for fatalities caused by child abuse or

neglect

Protocol Number: D12 Variable Type: Numeric

52 Universe: N: 52

Value Label Frequency Percent 1 Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases 52 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FatalitiesReview_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Child fatality case review - other specify

Definition: Specification of other for state conducts case reviews with a child

fatality review team or similar review process for fatalities caused

by child abuse or neglect

Protocol Number: D12_99_other

Variable Type: String Universe: 52 0 N:

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalities_Not

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities not defined

Definition: State does not define near-fatalities or near-deaths caused by

child abuse or neglect

Protocol Number: D13_0 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52

N: 52

Value Label Frequency Percent No 47 90.38 1 Yes 5 9.62

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalities_General

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities definition includes general reference to

condition/injury

Definition: State definition of near-fatalities or near-death caused by child

abuse or neglect includes a general reference to a serious or critical condition/injury that is life-threatening with a substantial

risk of death

Protocol Number: D13_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 8 | 15.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 44 | 84.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalities_Specific

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities definition includes specific injury or treatment

Definition: State definition of near-fatalities or near-death caused by child

abuse or neglect includes reference to a specific injury or

specific medical treatment or intervention

Protocol Number: D13_2
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 44 | 84.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalities_SpecificSpecify

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities definition includes specific injury or

treatment-specify

Definition: Specification of specific injury or medical treatment or

intervention in state definition of near-fatalities or near-death

caused by child abuse or neglect

Protocol Number: D13_2_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 8

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalities_Other

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities definition includes other

Definition: State definition of near-fatalities or near-death caused by child

abuse or neglect includes other

Protocol Number: D13_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 49 | 94.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalities_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities definition includes other - specify

Definition: Specification of other for state definition of near-fatalities or near-

death caused by child abuse or neglect

Protocol Number: D13_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 3

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalitiesReview

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities case review

Definition: State conducts case reviews with a review team or similar review

process for near-fatalities or near-deaths caused by child abuse

or neglect

Protocol Number: D14
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 51

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases | 36 | 69.23 |
| 2 | Yes, reviews can be conducted but are not required | 6 | 11.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: NearFatalitiesReview_OtherSpec

Variable Label: Child near-fatalities case review - other specify

Definition: Specification of other for state conducts case reviews with a

review team or similar review process for near-fatalities or near-

deaths caused by child abuse or neglect

Protocol Number: D14_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 0

REPORTING DOMAIN

Laws or Policies Related to Reporting Child Maltreatment



Attribute Value

Variable Name: CentralizedReporting Variable Label: Centralized reporting

Definition: State has centralized reporting, one statewide hotline, for making

reports of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: R1

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 37 | 71.15 |
| 99 | Other | 5 | 9.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CentralizedReporting_Specify

Variable Label: Other type of reporting

Definition: Specification of other type of reporting, other than

centralized/decentralized reporting

Protocol Number: R1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 5

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DecentralizedReporting

Variable Label: How is reporting decentralized

Definition: Description of how reporting is decentralized, not centralized

Protocol Number: R1_2
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|---|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Each county/region has own reporting hotline | 6 | 11.54 |
| 2 | Some counties/region have own reporting hotline | 1 | 1.92 |
| 3 | During some times of the day, counties/regions have own | 1 | 1.92 |
| | reporting hotline | | |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 42 | 80.77 |
| 99 | Other | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DecentralizedReporting_Specify

Variable Label: How is reporting decentralized-other specify

Definition: Specification of other ways reporting is decentralized

Protocol Number: R1_2_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportStandard_Known

Variable Label: Reporting standard-known abuse and neglect

Definition: Reporting standard is known/knowledge of child abuse or

neglect

Protocol Number: R2_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 20 | 38.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 32 | 61.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportStandard_ReasonCause

Variable Label: Reporting standard-reasonable cause

Definition: Reporting standard is reasonable cause to believe a child was

abused or neglected

Protocol Number: R2_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: UniversalMandatedReporting

Variable Label: Universal mandated reporting for all adults

Definition: State has a universal mandated reporting policy, requiring all

adults to be mandated reporters

Protocol Number: R3

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 34 | 65.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_FosterParent

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-foster parents

Definition: Foster parents are specified as mandated reporters in the state's

laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 8 | 15.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 44 | 84.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_TeacherSchool

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-school teachers

Definition: Public and private school teachers, school administrators, school

counselors, or other school staff, including all school levels from pre-school through post-secondary education, are specified as

mandated reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 52 | 100.00 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_BusDriver

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-school bus drivers and transportation staff

Definition: School bus drivers or other transportation staff are specified as

mandated reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_3 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 40 | 76.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_AfterSchool

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-before or after school program staff

Definition: Before or after school program staff are specified as mandated

reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_4 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 40 | 76.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_ChildcareStaff

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-child care staff

Definition: Child care staff, including those in public or private center-based

or home-based care, are specified as mandated reporters in the

state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_5 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 50 | 96.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_CampStaff

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-camp counselors

Definition: Camp counselors, camp directors and administrators, or other

camp staff are specified as mandated reporters in the state's

laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 28.85
 Percent 28.85

 1
 Yes
 37
 71.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_Coach

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-athletic coaches or sports staff

Definition: Public and private athletic coaches or sports staff are specified

as mandated reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 13
 25.00

 1
 Yes
 39
 75.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter MedicalDental

52

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-medical or dental professionals

Definition: Medical professionals, dental professionals, or pharmacists are

specified as mandated reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_8
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_SUDProvider

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-substance use disorder treatment providers

Definition: Substance use disorder treatment and counseling providers are

specified as mandated reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_9
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 42 | 80.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_MHProf

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-mental health and other social service

professionals

Definition: Mental health providers, counselors, or other social services

professionals, including social workers and staff of social service organizations, are specified as mandated reporters in the state's

laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_10
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter Police

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-police or other law enforcement

Definition: Police or other law enforcement, including parole or probation

officers, corrections, juvenile justice, peace officers, and law enforcement agencies are specified as mandated reporters in

the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_11
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_EMTEmergency

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-emergency medical technician

Definition: Emergency medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency

personnel are specified as mandated reporters in the state's

laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_12
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 8 | 15.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 44 | 84.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_Judges

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-judges

Definition: Judges are specified as mandated reporters in the state's laws

or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_13
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 28 | 53.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 24 | 46.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_DAAttorneys

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-district attorneys

Definition: District attorneys, other attorneys, and employees employed in

their offices are specified as mandated reporters in the state's

laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_14
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 25 | 48.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 27 | 51.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_GALCASA

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-guardian ad litems

Definition: Guardian ad Litems (GALs) or Court Appointed Special

Advocates (CASAs), including staff members and volunteers of these programs, are specified as mandated reporters in the

state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_15
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 19 | 36.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 33 | 63.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_OtherCourt

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-other court personnel

Definition: Other court personnel are specified as mandated reporters in the

state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_16
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 31 | 59.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter ShelterStaff

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-shelter staff

Definition: Shelter staff, including homeless, domestic violence or juvenile

shelters, are specified as mandated reporters in the state's laws

or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_17
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 31 | 59.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_Images

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-those who process or monitor images

Definition: Individuals who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film

or computer images, including computer technician or other IT

staff who may monitor images or other information on

computers, are specified as mandated reporters in the state's

laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_18
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 25 | 48.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 27 | 51.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_Clergy

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-religious clergy

Definition: Religious clergy are specified as mandated reporters in the

state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_19
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 43 | 82.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_Volunteer

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-volunteers

Definition: Volunteers are specified as mandated reporters in the state's

laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_20
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 22 | 42.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 30 | 57.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_Coroner

Variable Label: Mandated reporter- coroner or medical examiner

Definition: Coroner or medical examiner are specified as mandated

reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_21 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 40 | 76.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_StateCountyAgency

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-state and county agencies

Definition: Staff, board member, grantee, or contractor of state or county

department or agencies, including health and human services or social services, early childhood, child welfare, housing, public heath, parks and recreation, public housing, public assistance, children and youth services, developmental disabilities, and juvenile are specified as mandated reporters in the state's laws

or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_22
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 17 | 32.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 35 | 67.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_Other

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-other

Definition: Other individuals are specified as mandated reporters in the

state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Reporter_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Mandated reporter-other specify

Definition: Specification of other individuals who are identified as mandated

reporters in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R3_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 48

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTrainingReq

Variable Label: Training required for mandated reporters

Definition: Training required for mandated reporters

Protocol Number: R4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 51

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 32 | 61.54 |
| 1 | Yes, all mandated reporters | 4 | 7.69 |
| 2 | Yes, some mandated reporters | 15 | 28.85 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_FosterParent Variable Label: Reporter training-foster parents

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are foster

parents

Protocol Number: R4_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 17

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_TeacherSchool Variable Label: Reporter training-school teachers

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are school

teachers, school administrators, school counselors, or other school staff, including all school levels from pre-school through

post-secondary education

Protocol Number: R4_1_2 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 17 | 32.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 32 | 61.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_BusDriver

Variable Label: Reporter training-school bus drivers and transportation staff
Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are school bus

drivers or other transportation staff

Protocol Number: R4_1_3 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 15

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 5 | 9.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 37 | 71.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_AfterSchool

Variable Label: Reporter training-before or after school program staff

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are before or

after school program staff

Protocol Number: R4_1_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 14

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 38 | 73.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_ChildcareStaff
Variable Label: Reporter training-child care staff

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are child care

staff

Protocol Number: R4_1_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 19

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 32 | 61.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_CampStaff

Variable Label: Reporter training-camp counselors

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are camp

counselors, camp directors and administrators, or other camp

staff

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Protocol Number: R4_1_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value 0
 Label No
 Frequency 13.46
 Percent 7

 1
 Yes
 5
 9.62

 66
 Logical Skip
 40
 76.92

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Coach

Variable Label: Reporter training-athletic coaches or sports staff

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are athletic

coaches or sports staff

Protocol Number: R4_1_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 14

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 38 | 73.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_MedicalDental

Variable Label: Reporter training-medical or dental professionals

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are medical or

dental professionals

Protocol Number: R4_1_8 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 19

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 14 | 26.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 9.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 32 | 61.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_SUDProvider

Variable Label: Reporter training-substance use disorder treatment providers

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are substance

use disorder treatment providers

Protocol Number: R4_1_9
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 16

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 35 | 67.31 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_MHProf

Variable Label: Reporter training-mental health and other social service

professionals

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are mental

health providers, counselors, social workers, or other social services professionals, including staff of social service

organizations

Protocol Number: R4_1_10
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 19

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 13 | 25.00 |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 11.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 32 | 61.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Police

Variable Label: Reporter training-police or other law enforcement

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are police or

other law enforcement, including parole or probation officers,

corrections, juvenile justice

Protocol Number: R4_1_11
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 15 | 28.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 32 | 61.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_EMTEmergency

Variable Label: Reporter training-emergency medical technician

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are emergency

medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency personnel

Protocol Number: R4_1_12 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 15

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 36 | 69.23 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Judges
Variable Label: Reporter training-judges

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are judges

Protocol Number: R4_1_13
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 6

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 5 | 9.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | 1.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 45 | 86.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_DAAttorneys
Variable Label: Reporter training-district attorneys

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are district

attorneys or other attorneys

Protocol Number: R4_1_14
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 9

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 7 | 13.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 43 | 82.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_GALCASA

Variable Label: Reporter training-guardian ad litems

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are Guardian ad

Litems (GALs) or Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs)

Protocol Number: R4_1_15
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 13

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 3 | 5.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 38 | 73.08 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_OtherCourt

Variable Label: Reporter training-other court personnel

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are other court

personnel

Protocol Number: R4_1_16
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 10

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | 1.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 42 | 80.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_ShelterStaff
Variable Label: Reporter training- shelter staff

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are shelter staff,

including homeless, domestic violence or juvenile shelters

Protocol Number: R4_1_17
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

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 N:
 10

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 7 | 13.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 3 | 5.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 42 | 80.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Images

Variable Label: Reporter training-those who process or monitor images

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are individuals

who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film or

computer images, including computer technician or other IT staff

who may monitor images on computers

Protocol Number: R4_1_18
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 9

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 8 | 15.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | 1.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 42 | 80.77 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Clergy

Variable Label: Reporter training-religious clergy

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are religious

clergy

Protocol Number: R4_1_19
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 13 | 25.00 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 36 | 69.23 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Volunteer
Variable Label: Reporter training-volunteers

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are volunteers

Protocol Number: R4_1_20
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 10

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | 1.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 42 | 80.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Coroner

Variable Label: Reporter training- coroner or medical examiner

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are coroner or

medical examiner

Protocol Number: R4_1_21 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 36 | 69.23 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_StateCntyAgency

Variable Label: Reporter training-state and county agencies

Definition: Training is required for mandated reporters who are staff, board

member, grantee, or contractor of state or county department or

agencies, including health and human services or social

services, early childhood, child welfare, housing, public heath, parks and recreation, public housing, public assistance, children and youth services, developmental disabilities, and juvenile

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Protocol Number: Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 12

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 3 | 5.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 40 | 76.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_Other Variable Label: Reporter training-other

Training is required for other identified mandated reporters Definition:

Protocol Number: R4_1_99 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 19

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 32 | 61.54 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterTraining_OtherSpecify Variable Label: Reporter training-other specify

Definition: Specification of training required for other identified mandated

reporters

Protocol Number: R4_1_99_other

Variable Type: String Universe: 52 N: 8

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty

Variable Label: Penalties for failure to report abuse and neglect

Definition: Penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect are

specified in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R5

Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes, all adults | 19 | 36.54 |
| 2 | Yes, all mandated reporters | 29 | 55.77 |
| 3 | Yes, some mandated reporters | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_FosterParent

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-foster parents

Definition: Mandated reporters who are foster parents are subject to

penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 44

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 44
 84.62

 66
 Logical Skip
 8
 15.38

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty TeacherSchool

Variable Label: Penalties-school teachers

Definition: Mandated reporters who are school teachers, school

administrators, school counselors, or other school staff, including

all school levels from pre-school through post-secondary education, are subject to penalties for failure to report child

abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

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Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_BusDriver

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-school bus drivers and transportation

staff

Definition: Mandated reporters who are school bus drivers or other

transportation staff are subject to penalties for failure to report

child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_3 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 40

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 39 | 75.00 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 12 | 23.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_AfterSchool

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-before or after school program staff
Definition: Mandated reporters who are before or after school staff are

subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_4
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 39 | 75.00 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 12 | 23.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_ChildcareStaff

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-child care staff

Definition: Mandated reporters who are child care staff are subject to

penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 49 | 94.23 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_CampStaff
Variable Label: Penalties-camp counselors

Definition: Mandated reporters who are camp counselors, camp directors

and administrators, or other camp staff are subject to penalties

for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 38

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 37 | 71.15 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 14 | 26.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_Coach

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-athletic coaches or sports staff

Definition: Mandated reporters who are athletic coaches or sports staff are

subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 39

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 39 | 75.00 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 13 | 25.00 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_MedicalDental

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-medical or dental professionals

Definition: Mandated reporters who are medical or dental professionals are

subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_8
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_SUDProvider

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-substance use disorder treatment

providers

Definition: Mandated reporters who are substance use disorder treatment

providers are subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse

and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_9
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 42 | 80.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty MHProf

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-mental health and other social service

professional

Definition: Mandated reporters who are mental health providers,

counselors, or other social services professionals, including staff of social service organizations, are subject to penalties for failure

to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_10
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 52 | 100.00 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_Police

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-police or other law enforcement

Definition: Mandated reporters who are police or other law enforcement,

including parole or probation officers, corrections, juvenile justice, are subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse

and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_11
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 52
 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_EMTEmergency

Variable Label: Penalties-emergency medical technician

Definition: Mandated reporters who are emergency medical technicians,

firefighters, or other emergency personnel are subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_12
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 45

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 44 | 84.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 7 | 13.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_Judges

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-judges

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Definition: Mandated reporters who are judges are subject to penalties for

failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_13
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 25 | 48.08 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 27 | 51.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_DAAttorneys
Variable Label: Penalties-district attorneys

Definition: Mandated reporters who are district attorneys or other attorney

are subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse and

neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_14
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 28

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 28
 53.85

 66
 Logical Skip
 24
 46.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_GALCASA Variable Label: Penalties-guardian ad litems

Definition: Mandated reporters who are Guardian ad Litems (GALs) or

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are subject to

penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_15
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

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 52

 N:
 34

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 33 | 63.46 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 18 | 34.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_OtherCourt

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-other court personnel

Definition: Mandated reporters who are other court personnel are subject to

penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_16
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 32

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 31 | 59.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 20 | 38.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_ShelterStaff

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-shelter staff

Definition: Mandated reporters who are shelter staff, including homeless,

domestic violence or juvenile shelters, are subject to penalties

for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_17
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 32

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 31 | 59.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 20 | 38.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_Images

28

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-those who process or monitor images

Definition: Mandated reporters who are individuals who work in fields

processing or monitoring print, film or computer images,

including computer technician or other IT staff who may monitor

images on computers, are subject to penalties for failure to

report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_18
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 53.85

 66
 Logical Skip
 24
 46.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_Clergy

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-religious clergy

Definition: Mandated reporters who are religious clergy are subject to

penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_19
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 44

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 43 | 82.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 8 | 15.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_Volunteer

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-volunteers

Definition: Mandated reporters who are volunteers are subject to penalties

for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_20
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 30 | 57.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty Coroner

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties- coroner or medical examiner

Definition: Mandated reporters who are coroner or medical examiner are

subject to penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_21
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 40

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 39 | 75.00 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 12 | 23.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_StateCntyAgency

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-state and county agencies

Definition: Mandated reporters who are staff, board member, grantee, or

contractor of state or county department or agencies, including health and human services or social services, early childhood, child welfare, housing, public heath, parks and recreation, public

housing, public assistance, children and youth services,

developmental disabilities, and juvenile are subject to penalties

for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_22 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 35

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 35 | 67.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 17 | 32.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_Other

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-other

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Definition: Other mandated reporters who are subject to penalties for failure

to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_1_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 48
 92.31

 66
 Logical Skip
 4
 7.69

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReporterPenalty_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Failure to report penalties-other specify

Definition: Specification of other mandated reporters who are subject to

penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: R5 1 99 other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 48

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Penalty_Criminal

Variable Label: Failure to report penalty type-criminal penalties

Definition: Penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect include

criminal penalties, including misdemeanors

Protocol Number: R5_2_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 3 | 5.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 49 | 94.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Penalty_Civil

Variable Label: Failure to report penalty type-civil penalties

Definition: Penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect include civil

penalties

Protocol Number: R5_2_2 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 37 | 71.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 15 | 28.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Penalty_Professional

Variable Label: Failure to report penalty type-professional

Definition: Penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect include

professional penalties, including professional licensure

suspended or revoked or other professional disciplinary action

Protocol Number: R5_2_3
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 46 | 88.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 11.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Penalty_Other

Variable Label: Failure to report penalty type-other

Definition: Penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect include

other penalties

Protocol Number: R5_2_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 44 & 84.62 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 8 & 15.38 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Penalty_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Failure to report penalty type-other specify

Definition: Specification of other penalties for failure to report child abuse

and neglect

Protocol Number: R5_2_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 8

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FalseReportPenalty

Variable Label: Penalties for false reporting of abuse and neglect

Definition: Penalties for false reporting of child abuse and neglect are

specified in the state's laws or policies

Protocol Number: R6

Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 43 | 82.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FalseReportPenalty_Criminal

Variable Label: False reporting penalty type-criminal

Definition: Penalties for false reporting of child abuse and neglect include

criminal penalties, including misdemeanors

Protocol Number: R6_1_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 37 | 71.15 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FalseReportPenalty_Civil

Variable Label: False reporting penalty type-civil

Definition: Penalties for false reporting of child abuse and neglect include

civil penalties

Protocol Number: R6_1_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 25 | 48.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FalseReportPenalty Professional

Variable Label: False reporting penalty type-professional

Definition: Penalties for false reporting of child abuse and neglect include

professional penalties, including professional licensure

suspended or revoked or other professional disciplinary action

Protocol Number: R6_1_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 41 | 78.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FalseReportPenalty_Other

Variable Label: False reporting penalty type-other

Definition: Penalties for false reporting of child abuse and neglect include

other penalties

Protocol Number: R6_1_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 35 | 67.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: FalseReportPenalty_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: False reporting penalty type-other specify

Definition: Specification of other penalties for false reporting of child abuse

and neglect

Protocol Number: R6_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 8

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportImmunity

Variable Label: Immunity from penalties for reporters

Definition: The state's laws or policies include immunity from criminal or civil

penalties for reports of suspected child abuse and neglect, for

those who acted in good faith

Protocol Number: R7

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_ChildIdentity

Variable Label: Requested report information-identifying and other information of

child

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes the child's

identifying or other information, including name, date of birth, age, demographic, developmental issues, disabilities, or

diagnoses

Protocol Number: R8_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_ChildLocationContact

Variable Label: Requested report information-location/contact information-child

and family

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes the child or

family's location and contact information

Protocol Number: R8_2
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo Maltreatment

Variable Label: Requested report information-information about type of

suspected maltreatment

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes information

about the suspected type of child maltreatment, including type of child abuse or neglect, frequency, and severity of maltreatment

Protocol Number: R8_3
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_MaltreatmentDate

Variable Label: Requested report information-date of suspected maltreatment

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes the date of the

suspected child maltreatment

Protocol Number: R8_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 41 | 78.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_Perpetrator

Variable Label: Requested report information-identifying information-alleged

perpetrator

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes information

about the alleged perpetrator, including contact information, relationship to alleged victim, prior cases suspected of causing

maltreatment

Protocol Number: R8_5
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 5 | 9.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 47 | 90.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_Reporter

Variable Label: Requested report information-identifying and other information of

reporter

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes reporter's

identifying information and other information, including contact information and any actions taken by reporter to treat or assist

the child

Protocol Number: R8_6
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 3 | 5.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 49 | 94.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_Parent

Variable Label: Requested reporter information-parents, guardian, and

caregiver/caretaker

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes parent, guardian,

or caregiver/caretaker's identifying information and other information, including contact information and developmental

issues

Protocol Number: R8_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 46 | 88.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_FamilyMember

Variable Label: Requested reporter information-family/household members

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes family or
household member's identifying information and other

information, including contact information, developmental issues,

domestic violence/family functioning

Protocol Number: R8_8
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 7
 13.46

 1
 Yes
 45
 86.54

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_PriorMaltreatment

Variable Label: Requested reporter information-prior maltreatment of the child or

siblings

Definition: Information requested at time of report includes information

known about ongoing or prior injuries and maltreatment of the

child or child's siblings

Protocol Number: R8_9
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 16 & 30.77 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 36 & 69.23 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_Other

Variable Label: Required report information-other

52

Definition: Other information requested at time of report

Protocol Number: R8_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 24
 46.15

 1
 Yes
 28
 53.85

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportInfo_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Required report information-other specify

Definition: Specification of other information requested at time of report

Protocol Number: R8_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 28

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReportAnonymous

Variable Label: Can reporter remain anonymous

Definition: State's laws or policies allow the reporter to remain anonymous,

where the reporter's name is not required

Protocol Number: R9

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| <u>Value</u> | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|--------------|--|-----------|---------|
| 1 | All reporters can remain anonymous | 30 | 57.69 |
| 2 | General public (not mandated reporters) can remain | 20 | 38.46 |
| | anonymous | | |
| 3 | No reporters can be anonymous | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: TribalReport

Variable Label: Tribes involved in accepting reports of Tribal cases

Definition: State's laws or policies include Tribal involvement the state's

public child welfare agency process to accept reports of Tribal cases involving American Indian or Alaska Native children

Protocol Number: R10 Variable Type: Numeric

| 44.23 |
|-------|
| 26.92 |
| 1.92 |
| |
| 5.77 |
| |
| 21.15 |
| |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: TribalReport_Specify

Variable Label: Specify Tribes involved in accepting reports

Definition: Specification of Tribes involved in accepting reports of Tribal

cases involving American Indian or Alaska Native children

Protocol Number: R10_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 18

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SENNotificationReport_No

Variable Label: All SENs cases are not required to be reported

Definition: States do not require all notifications of substance exposed

newborns (SENs) to be reported for child maltreatment. However, some cases could be reported if they meet certain criteria, such as if there is also an allegation of child abuse of neglect or there is a risk of harm. Please note this variable does not distinguish whether states have a separate notification system for SENs, rather it reflects whether all notifications are

reported.

Protocol Number: R11_0
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 18 | 34.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SENNotificationReport_YesAll

Variable Label: All SENs cases are required to be reported

Definition: States requires all notifications of SENs to be reported for child

maltreatment. Please note this variable does not distinguish whether states have a separate notification system for SENs,

rather it reflects whether all notifications are reported.

Protocol Number: R11_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 34 | 65.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SENNotificationReport_Other

Variable Label: SENs cases required to be reported - other

Definition: Other response for state requirement of whether all SENs

notifications need to be reported for child maltreatment

Protocol Number: R11_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & No & 52 & 100.00 \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SENNotificationReport_OtherSpec

Variable Label: Specify SENs cases required to be reported - other

Definition: Specification of other response for state requirement of whether

all SENs notifications need to be reported for child maltreatment

Protocol Number: R11_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 0

Attribute Value

Variable Name: RiskOnlyReport
Variable Label: Risk-only reports

Definition: State accepts reports without an allegation of child maltreatment,

which can be referred to as risk-only or no allegation reports or

reports of children as-risk

Protocol Number: R12
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 25
 48.08

 1
 Yes
 26
 50.00

 99
 Other
 1
 1.92

Attribute Value

Variable Name: RiskOnlyReport_OtherSpecify
Variable Label: Risk-only reports - other specify

Definition: Specification of other response for state accepts reports without

an allegation of child maltreatment, which can be referred to as risk-only or no allegation reports or reports of children as-risk

Protocol Number: R12_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 1

SCREENING DOMAIN

Laws or Policies Related to Screening Reports of Child Maltreatment



Attribute Value

Variable Name: CentralScreen

Variable Label: Centralized screening unit

Definition: State has centralized screening, one statewide screening unit, to

screen all reports of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: S1

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 15 | 28.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 37 | 71.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: DecentralScreen

Variable Label: How is screening decentralized

Definition: Description of how screening is decentralized, not centralized

Protocol Number: S1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 15

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Each county/region has own screening unit | 13 | 25.00 |
| 2 | Some counties/region have own screening unit | 1 | 1.92 |
| 3 | During certain times of the day, counties/regions have own | 1 | 1.92 |
| | screening unit | | |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 37 | 71.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo ChildName

Variable Label: Information required to screen report-child name

Definition: Information required to screen in a report of suspected child

abuse or neglect includes name, date of birth, age, demographic,

or other identifying information of the child

Protocol Number: S2_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 16 | 30.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 36 | 69.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_ChildAddr

Variable Label: Information required to screen report-child address

Definition: Information required to screen in a report of suspected child

abuse or neglect includes address, contact information, or other

information to locate the child

Protocol Number: S2_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 17 | 32.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 35 | 67.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_MalType

Variable Label: Information required to screen report-type of suspected

maltreatment

Definition: Information required to screen in a report of suspected child

abuse and neglect includes type and severity of suspected child

maltreatment

Protocol Number: S2_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 5 | 9.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 47 | 90.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_MalDate

Variable Label: Information required to screen report-date of suspected

maltreatment

Definition: Information required to screen in a report of suspected child

abuse and neglect includes date of suspected maltreatment

Protocol Number: S2_4
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 35 | 67.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 17 | 32.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_Perp

Variable Label: Information required to screen report-identity of alleged

perpetrator

Definition: Information required to screen in a report of suspected child

abuse and neglect includes alleged perpetrator identity, relationship to child, and any information to locate the alleged

perpetrator

Protocol Number: S2_5
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 23 | 44.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 29 | 55.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_Other

Variable Label: Information required to screen report-other

Definition: Other information required to screen in a report of suspected

child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: S2_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 23 | 44.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 29 | 55.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Information required to screen report-other specify

Definition: Specification of other information required to screen in a report of

suspected child abuse and neglect

Protocol Number: S2_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 29

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_SupReview

Variable Label: Decision process for screening-supervisory review

Definition: Supervisory review is used in the decision process for screening

reports

Protocol Number: S3_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_Team

Variable Label: Decision process for screening-team based decision

Definition: Team-based decisions are used in the decision process for

screening reports, which can include RED (Review, Evaluate and Direct) teams or other team-based review processes

Protocol Number: S3_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 45 | 86.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 7 | 13.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess Individual

Variable Label: Decision process for screening-individual screener

Definition: Individual staff or screeners are used in the decision process for

screening reports, which includes individual screeners, hotline staff, or other staff who make the decision independently or with

the use of a screening decision tool or other criteria

Protocol Number: S3_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 34 | 65.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_Other

Variable Label: Decision process for screening-other

Definition: Other processes are used in the decision process for screening

reports

Protocol Number: \$3_99 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 50 & 96.15 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 2 & 3.85 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Decision process for screening-other specify

Definition: Specification of other processes used in the screening decision

process for screening reports

Protocol Number: S3_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_Unknown

Variable Label: Decision process for screening-unknown

Definition: Decision process for screening reports is unknown

Protocol Number: S3_88
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 51
 Percent 98.08

 1
 Yes
 1
 1.92

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_SupReviewReq

Variable Label: Screening process supervisory review required for cases

Definition: Screening decision with supervisory review required for all or

some cases

Protocol Number: S3_4_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 48

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 32 | 61.54 |
| 2 | Required for some | 16 | 30.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_TeamReq

Variable Label: Screening process team-based decision for required cases

Definition: Screening decision with team-based review required for all or

some cases

Protocol Number: S3_4_2 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 7

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 2 | 3.85 |
| 2 | Required for some | 5 | 9.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 45 | 86.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_IndividualReq

Variable Label: Screening process individual decision required for cases

Definition: Screening decision with individual making the decision required

for all or some cases. Please note this variable was renamed in 2023 to be more consistent with the naming convention of the other related variables about the screening process. It was previously named ScreenProcess_IndDecisionReq in the 2021

and 2019 data.

Protocol Number: S3_4_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 16 | 30.77 |
| 2 | Required for some | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_OtherReq

Variable Label: Screening process other decision process required for cases

Definition: Other review process for screening decision required for all or

some cases

Protocol Number: S3_4_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 2

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Required for all
 2
 3.85

 66
 Logical Skip
 50
 96.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenProcess_Statewide

Variable Label: Screening decision process consistent statewide or vary locally

Definition: Decision process used for screening reports of child

maltreatment is consistent statewide or varies locally

Protocol Number: S4

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Consistent statewide}} & & 49 & 94.23 \\ 2 & \underline{\text{Varies locally}} & & 3 & 5.77 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenRequired

Variable Label: Activities or information required as part of screening

Definition: Activities or information required as part of screening reports of

child maltreatment

Protocol Number: S5

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 1 & \underline{\text{Yes}} & \underline{\text{52}} & \underline{\text{100.00}} \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_RiskAssess

52

Variable Label: Required screening activity-safety or risk assessment

Definition: Safety or risk assessment required as part of screening reports

of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: S5_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value 0
 Label 0
 Frequency 9
 Percent 17.31

 1
 Yes
 43
 82.69

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_PriorCPS

Variable Label: Required screening activity-Review records for prior CPS

involvement

Definition: Review of agency records for prior involvement with child

protective services (CPS) required as part of screening reports of

child maltreatment

Protocol Number: S5_1_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 0 & \text{No} & & 6 & 11.54 \\ 1 & \text{Yes} & & 46 & 88.46 \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_Other

Variable Label: Required screening activity-other

Definition: Other activity or information required as part of screening reports

of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: S5_1_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 27
 51.92

 1
 Yes
 25
 48.08

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReg OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Required screening activity-other specify

Definition: Specification of other activity or information required as part of

screening reports of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: S5_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 25

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_RiskAssessCases

Variable Label: Safety or risk assessment for screening required for all or some

cases

Definition: Safety or risk assessment required for screening all or some

cases

Protocol Number: S5_2_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 40 | 76.92 |
| 2 | Required for some | 3 | 5.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_RiskAssessCase_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require safety or risk assessment for

screening

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require safety

or risk assessment for screening

Protocol Number: S5_2_1_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 3

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_PriorCPSCases

Variable Label: Review of prior CPS records for screening required for all or

some cases

Definition: Review of agency records for prior involvement with child

protective services (CPS) required for screening all or some

cases

Protocol Number: S5_2_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 46

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 44 | 84.62 |
| 2 | Required for some | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 6 | 11.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_PriorCPSCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require review of prior CPS records for

screening

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require review

of agency records for prior involvement with child protective

services (CPS) for screening

Protocol Number: S5_2_2_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_OtherCases

Variable Label: Other activity or information for screening required for all or

some cases

Definition: Other activity or information required for screening all or some

cases

Protocol Number: S5_2_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 25

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 19 | 36.54 |
| 2 | Required for some | 6 | 11.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 27 | 51.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenReq_OtherCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require other activity or information for

screening

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require other

activity or information for screening

Protocol Number: S5_2_99_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 6

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenRiskAssess_SDM

Variable Label: Safety or risk assessment tool used for screening-Structured

Decision Making

Definition: Structured Decision Making used as safety or risk assessment

tool or procedure as part of screening

Protocol Number: S5_3_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 22 | 42.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenRiskAssess_Other

Variable Label: Safety or risk assessment tool used for screening-other

Definition: Other safety or risk assessment tool or procedure used as part of

screening

Protocol Number: S5_3_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 43

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 22 | 42.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenRiskAssess_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Safety or risk assessment tool used for screening-other specify
Definition: Specification of other safety or risk assessment tool or procedure

used as part of screening

Protocol Number: S5_3_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 22

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_Statewide

Variable Label: Screening activities/information consistent statewide or vary

locally

Definition: Activities or information required for screening reports of child

maltreatment is consistent statewide or varies locally

Protocol Number: S6

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Consistent statewide | 48 | 92.31 |
| 2 | Varies locally | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenInfo_VaryLocalSpecify

Variable Label: Screening activities/information vary locally-specify

Definition: Specification of how activities or information required for

screening reports of child maltreatment varies locally

Protocol Number: S6_2_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 4

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Screener_Caseworker

Variable Label: Staff who conduct screening of reports-caseworker or frontline

staff

Definition: Staff who conduct screening of child abuse and neglect reports

include caseworkers, social workers, or other frontline staff

Protocol Number: S7_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 29 | 55.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 23 | 44.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Screener_Supervisor

Variable Label: Staff who conduct screening of reports-supervisor or managers

Definition: Staff who conduct screening of child abuse and neglect reports

include supervisors or case managers

Protocol Number: S7_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 24 | 46.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 28 | 53.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Screener_SpecialUnit

Variable Label: Staff who conducts screening of reports-specialized unit or staff

role

Definition: Staff who conduct screening of child abuse and neglect reports

include staff from specialized units or staff roles, including intake

workers and hotline staff

Protocol Number: S7_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 14 | 26.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 38 | 73.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Screener Other

Variable Label: Staff who conducts screening of reports-other

Definition: Other staff who conduct screening of child abuse and neglect

reports

Protocol Number: \$7_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 48 | 92.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Screener_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Staff who conducts screening of reports-other specify

Definition: Specification of other staff who conduct screening of child abuse

and neglect reports

Protocol Number: S7_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 4

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_Associate

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-associate's degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who screen reports include an associate's

degree

Protocol Number: S8_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ 0 & \text{No} & & 46 & 88.46 \\ 1 & \text{Yes} & & 6 & 11.54 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_Bachelor

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-bachelor's degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who screen reports include a bachelor's

degree

Protocol Number: S8_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

 Universe:
 52

 N:
 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 7 | 13.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 45 | 86.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_Master

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-master's degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who screen reports include a master's

degree

Protocol Number: S8_3
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 37 | 71.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 15 | 28.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_Training

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-training

Definition: Qualifications of staff who screen reports include training for

screening

Protocol Number: S8_4
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 14 | 26.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 38 | 73.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_TrainingSpecify

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-training specify

Definition: Specification of training qualification needed for staff who screen

reports

Protocol Number: S8_4_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 38

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_Experience

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-years of experience

Definition: Qualifications of staff who screen reports include years of

experience

Protocol Number: S8_5
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 18 & 34.62 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 34 & 65.38 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_ExperienceSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of qualifications of staff who screen reports-years of

experience

Definition: Specification of years of experience qualifications needed for

staff who screen reports

Protocol Number: S8_5_other
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52

N: 34

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_Other

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-other

Definition: Other qualifications are needed for staff who screen reports

Protocol Number: S8_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 40 | 76.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 23.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of qualifications of staff who screen reports-other

Definition: Specification of other qualifications needed for staff who screen

reports

Protocol Number: S8_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 12

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_SW

Variable Label: Qualifications of staff who screen reports-SW degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who screen reports include a degree in

social work or related field

Protocol Number: S8_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 48

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|---|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes, required | 15 | 28.85 |
| 2 | Yes, recommended or preferred, but not required | 21 | 40.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 4 | 7.69 |
| 99 | Other | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ScreenerQual_SW_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of qualifications of staff who screen reports-SW

degree

Definition: Specification of social work or related field degree qualification

needed for staff who screen reports

Protocol Number: S8_1_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 1

Attribute Value

Variable Name: TribalScreen

Variable Label: Tribes involvement in screening of Tribal cases

Definition: State's laws or policies include Tribal involvement in the state's

public child welfare agency process to screen reports of Tribal

cases involving American Indian or Alaska Native children

Protocol Number: S9

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No, Tribes are not involved | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes, Tribes directly conduct screening | 14 | 26.92 |
| 2 | Yes, collaboration of Tribes with state/local public welfare | 2 | 3.85 |
| | agency to conduct screening | | |
| 3 | Yes, Tribes directly conduct screening and collaborate with | 4 | 7.69 |
| | state/local public child welfare agency | | |
| 4 | No, there are no Tribes within the state | 11 | 21.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: TribalScreen_Specify

Variable Label: Specify Tribes involved in screening of Tribal cases

Definition: Specification of Tribes involved in screening reports of Tribal

cases involving American Indian or Alaska Native children

Protocol Number: S9_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 20

INVESTIGATIONS DOMAIN

Laws or Policies Related to Investigation of Child Maltreatment Reports



Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvPenalty_Criminal

Variable Label: Child maltreatment investigations lead can lead to criminal

penalties

Definition: Findings from child maltreatment investigations can lead to

criminal penalties

Protocol Number: 11

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestigationReq

Variable Label: Activities required as part of investigation process

Definition: Activities or information required as part of the investigation of

child maltreatment

Protocol Number: 12

Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 52
 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PriorCPS

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-review records for prior CPS

involvement

Definition: Review of agency records for child or parent's prior involvement

with child protective services (CPS) is required for investigation

of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 3 | 5.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 49 | 94.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_HomeVisit

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-home visit

Definition: Visit to child's home is required for investigation of child

maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_2 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 6 & 11.54 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 46 & 88.46 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_Victim

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-interview or observation of victim

Definition: Interview or observation of child victim is required for

investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_3
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_OtherChild

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-interview or observation of other

children

Definition: Interview or observation of other children living in child victim's

home is required for investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 4
 7.69

 1
 Yes
 48
 92.31

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_RiskAssess

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-risk or safety assessment

Definition: Risk or safety assessment is required for investigation of child

maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_5 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_HomeStudy

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-home study

Definition: Evaluation of home environment or home study is required for

investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_6 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 42 | 80.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_Parent

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-interview of parents or caregivers

Definition: Interview with child's parents, caregivers, or other adults residing

in child's home is required for investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 1
 Label 2
 Frequency 52
 Percent 100.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpCrim

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-check criminal records of

perpetrator

Definition: Check of criminal records for alleged perpetrator or other adults

in home is required for investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_8
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 1
 Frequency 32.69

 1
 Yes
 35
 67.31

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpPriorCPS

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-check prior CPS records of

perpetrator

Definition: Check of child welfare agency records or central registry for prior

child maltreatment allegations of perpetrator or other adults in

home is required for investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_9
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_MedEval

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-medical evaluation

Definition: Medical evaluation, including sexual abuse examination, is

required for investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_10
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 41 | 78.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_MHEval

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-mental health evaluation

Definition: Mental health evaluation is required for investigation of child

maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_11
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 29 | 55.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 23 | 44.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpInterview

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-interview alleged perpetrator

Definition: Interview or in-person visit with alleged perpetrator is required for

investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_12 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 5 | 9.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 47 | 90.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_Reporter

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-interview reporter or collateral

source

Definition: Interview person who made child protection report or collateral

sources who may provide information about the alleged

maltreatment is required for investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_13
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 5 | 9.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 47 | 90.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_Other

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-other

Definition: Other activity or information is required for investigation of child

maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 16 | 30.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 36 | 69.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-other specify

Definition: Specification of other activity or information required for

investigation of child maltreatment

Protocol Number: I2_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 36

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PriorCPSCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for review of prior CPS records

Definition: Review of agency records for prior involvement with child

protective services (CPS) is required for investigation of all/some

cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 47 | 90.38 |
| 2 | Required for some | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PriorCPSCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require prior CPS record review for

investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require review

of agency records for prior involvement with child protective

services (CPS) for the investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_HomeVisitCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for home visit

Definition: Visit to child's home is required for investigation of child

maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 46

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Required for all
 40
 76.92

 2
 Required for some
 6
 11.54

 66
 Logical Skip
 6
 11.54

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_HomeVisitCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require home visit for investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require visit to

child's home for the investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_2
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 6

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_VictimCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for victim interview

Definition: Interview or observation of child victim is required for

investigation of child maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_3
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 50 | 96.15 |
| 2 | Required for some | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_VictimCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require victim interview for investigation Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require

interview or observation of child victim for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_3
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_OtherChildrenCase

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for other child interview

Definition: Interview or observation of other children living in child victim's

home is required for investigation of child maltreatment for

all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 48

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 46 | 88.46 |
| 2 | Required for some | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_OtherChildrenCase_Spec

Variable Label: Specify cases that require other children interviewed for

investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require

interview or observation of other children living in child victim's

home for investigation

Protocol Number: 12_3_4
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_RiskAssessCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for risk assessment

Definition: Risk or safety assessment is required for investigation of child

maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: 12_2_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 51

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Required for all
 51
 98.08

 66
 Logical Skip
 1
 1.92

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_RiskAssessCase_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require risk assessment for investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require risk or

safety assessment for investigation. Please note this variable

was renamed in 2021 to correct a spelling error. It was

previously named InvestReq_RiskAsssesCase_Specify in the

2019 data.

Protocol Number: I2_3_5
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 0

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_HomeStudyCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for home study

Definition: Evaluation of home environment or home study is required for

investigation of child maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_6
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 42

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 36 | 69.23 |
| 2 | Required for some | 6 | 11.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 10 | 19.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_HomeStudyCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require home study for investigation Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require

evaluation of home environment or home study for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_6
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 6

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_ParentCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for parent interview

Definition: Interview with child's parents, caregivers, or other adults residing

in child's home is required for investigation of child maltreatment

for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_ParentCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require parent interview for investigation Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require

interview with child's parents, caregivers, or other adults residing

in child's home for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_7
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 0

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpCrimCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for prior criminal record check

Definition: Check of criminal records for alleged perpetrator or other adults

in home is required for investigation of child maltreatment for

all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_8
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 35

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 28 | 53.85 |
| 2 | Required for some | 7 | 13.46 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 17 | 32.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpCrimCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require prior criminal record check for

investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require check of

criminal records for alleged perpetrator or other adults in home

for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_8
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 7

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpPriorCPSCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for central registry check

Definition: Check of child welfare agency records or central registry for prior

child maltreatment allegations of perpetrator or other adults in home is required for investigation of child maltreatment for

all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_9
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 48

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 44 | 84.62 |
| 2 | Required for some | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpPriorCPSCases_Spec

Variable Label: Specify cases that require central registry check for investigation Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require check of

Specification of conditions or types of cases that require check of child welfare agency records or central registry for prior child

maltreatment allegations of perpetrator or other adults in home

for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_9
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 4

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_MedEvalCases

41

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for medical evaluation

Definition: Medical evaluation is required for investigation of child

maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_10
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 2
 Required for some
 41
 78.85

 66
 Logical Skip
 11
 21.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_MedEvalCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require medical evaluation for investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require medical

evaluation for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_10
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 41

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_MHEvalCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for mental health evaluation

Definition: Mental health evaluation is required for investigation of child

maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_11
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 22

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 2 | Required for some | 22 | 42.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 29 | 55.77 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_MHEvalCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require mental health evaluation for

investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require mental

health evaluation for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_11
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 22

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpInterviewCases

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-interview alleged perpetrator for

all/some cases

Definition: Interview or in-person visit with alleged perpetrator is required for

investigation of child maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_12
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 47

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Required for all
 38
 73.08

 2
 Required for some
 9
 17.31

 66
 Logical Skip
 5
 9.62

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_PerpInterviewCase_Spec

Variable Label: Specify cases that require perpetrator interview for investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require

interview or in-person visit with alleged perpetrator for

investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_12
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 9

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_ReporterCases

Variable Label: Required investigation activity-interview reporter/sources for

all/some cases

Definition: Interview person who made child protection report or collateral

sources who may provide information about the alleged

maltreatment is required for investigation of child maltreatment

for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_13
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 39 | 75.00 |
| 2 | Required for some | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 5 | 9.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_ReporterCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require reporter interview for investigation Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require

interview person who made child protection report or collateral

sources who may provide information about the alleged

maltreatment for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_13
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 8

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_OtherCases

Variable Label: Investigation requirement for other activity

Definition: Other activity or information is required for investigation of child

maltreatment for all/some cases

Protocol Number: I2_2_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 36

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Required for all | 19 | 36.54 |
| 2 | Required for some | 17 | 32.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 16 | 30.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestReq_OtherCases_Specify

Variable Label: Specify cases that require other activity for investigation

Definition: Specification of conditions or types of cases that require other

activity or information for investigation

Protocol Number: I2_3_99
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 17

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestStaff_Caseworker

Variable Label: Staff who conduct investigations of reports-case worker

Definition: Staff who conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect

reports include caseworkers, social workers, or other frontline

staff

Protocol Number: I3_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & 3 & 5.77 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & 49 & 94.23 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestStaff_Supervisor

Variable Label: Staff who conduct investigations of reports-supervisor

Definition: Staff who conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect

reports include supervisors or case managers

Protocol Number: I3_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 25 | 48.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 27 | 51.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestStaff SpecialUnit

Variable Label: Staff who conduct investigations of reports-specialized unit or

staff roles

Definition: Staff who conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect

reports include staff from specialized units or staff roles,

including intake workers and hotline staff

Protocol Number: I3_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 31 | 59.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestStaff_LawEnforcement

Variable Label: Staff who conduct investigations of reports-law enforcement Definition: Staff who conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect

reports include law enforcement

Protocol Number: 13_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 18 | 34.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestStaff_Other

Variable Label: Staff who conduct investigations of reports-other

Definition: Other staff who conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect

reports

Protocol Number: I3_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 41 | 78.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 11 | 21.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestStaff_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Staff who conduct investigations of reports-other specify

Definition: Specification of other staff who conduct investigations of child

opeomoditori or other stari who conduct investigations of orma

abuse and neglect reports

Protocol Number: I3_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 11

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_Associate

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-associate's degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who investigate reports include an

associate's degree

Protocol Number: I4_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 46 | 88.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 11.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_Bachelor

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-bachelor's degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who investigate reports include a

bachelor's degree

Protocol Number: I4_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_Master

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-master's degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who investigate reports include a master's

degree

Protocol Number: I4_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 39 | 75.00 |
| 1 | Yes | 13 | 25.00 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_Training

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-training

Definition: Qualifications of staff who investigate reports include training for

investigations

Protocol Number: I4_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 11 | 21.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 41 | 78.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_TrainingSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of qualifications of investigation staff-training Definition: Specification of training qualification needed for staff who

investigate reports

Protocol Number: I4_4_other
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 41

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_Experience

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-years of experience

Definition: Qualifications of staff who investigate reports include years of

experience

Protocol Number: I4_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 20 | 38.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 32 | 61.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_ExperienceSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of qualifications of investigation staff-years of

experience

Definition: Specification of experience qualifications needed for staff who

investigate reports

Protocol Number: I4_5_other
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 32

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_Other

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-other

Definition: Other qualifications are needed for staff who investigate reports

Protocol Number: I4_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{\text{Value}} & \underline{\text{Label}} & \underline{\text{Frequency}} & \underline{\text{Percent}} \\ \hline 0 & \text{No} & & 39 & 75.00 \\ \hline 1 & \text{Yes} & & 13 & 25.00 \\ \end{array}$

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-other specify

Definition: Specification of other qualifications needed for staff who

investigate reports

Protocol Number: I4_99_other
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 13

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_SW

Variable Label: Qualifications of investigation staff-SW degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who investigate reports include a degree in

social work or related field

Protocol Number: I4_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|---|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes, required | 18 | 34.62 |
| 2 | Yes, recommended or preferred, but not required | 18 | 34.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |
| 99 | Other | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestQual_SW_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of qualifications of investigation staff-SW degree Definition: Specification of social work or related field degree qualification

needed for staff who investigate reports

Protocol Number: I4_1_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 1

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EvidenceLevel

Variable Label: Level of evidence required for substantiation

Definition: Level of evidence required for substantiation of child

maltreatment, including level of evidence required for reports that

are founded, indicated, or confirmed

Protocol Number: 15

Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Preponderance of evidence | 35 | 67.31 |
| 2 | Credible or substantial evidence | 8 | 15.38 |
| 3 | Probable or reasonable cause | 9 | 17.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InvestInconclusive

Variable Label: Inconclusive investigation determination

Definition: State allows for an investigation determination to result in an

inconclusive, unresolved, or undetermined finding

Protocol Number: 16

Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 42 | 80.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |

CHILD WELFARE RESPONSE DOMAIN

Laws or Policies Related to Child Welfare Response



Attribute Value

Variable Name: AlternativeResponse

Variable Label: State has alternative or differential response Definition: State has alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yesimplemented statewide | 26 | 50.00 |
| 2 | Yesimplemented in specific counties or regions | 5 | 9.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AlternativeResp_VaryLocalSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of how alternative response varies locally

Definition: Specification of how alternative or differential response varies

locally by counties or regions within a state

Protocol Number: W1_other
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 5

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityMaltreatment

Variable Label: Eligibility for alternative response based on type of maltreatment

Definition: Eligibility for alternative or differential response based on type of

maltreatment

Protocol Number: W1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|---|-----------|---------|
| 0 | All types of maltreatment are eligible | 3 | 5.77 |
| 1 | Only certain types of maltreatment are eligible | 28 | 53.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Inelig_Fatality

Variable Label: Child fatality cases are not eligible for alternative response

Definition: Cases involving a child fatality or near fatality are not eligible for

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_2_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 28

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 26 | 50.00 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 24 | 46.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Inelig_SubExposed

Variable Label: Substance-exposed newborn cases are not eligible for

alternative response

Definition: Cases involving substance-exposed newborns are not eligible for

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_2_2 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 28

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 25 | 48.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 3 | 5.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 24 | 46.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Inelig_PhysicalAbuse

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Variable Label: Physical abuse cases are not eligible for alternative response
Definition: Cases involving physical abuse are not eligible for alternative or

differential response

Protocol Number: W1_2_3 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52

N:

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 12
 23.08

 1
 Yes
 16
 30.77

 66
 Logical Skip
 24
 46.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Inelig_SexAbuse

Variable Label: Sexual abuse cases are not eligible for alternative response

Definition: Cases involving sexual abuse are not eligible for alternative or

differential response

Protocol Number: W1_2_4 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 28

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 26 | 50.00 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 24 | 46.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Inelig_Neglect

Variable Label: Neglect cases are not eligible for alternative response

Definition: Cases involving neglect are not eligible for alternative or

differential response

Protocol Number: W1_2_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 28

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 22 | 42.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 11.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 24 | 46.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp Inelig Abandoned

Variable Label: Abandoned infant cases are not eligible for alternative response Definition: Cases involving abandoned infants are not eligible for alternative

or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_2_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 28

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 18 | 34.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 24 | 46.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Inelig_Other

Variable Label: Cases with other child maltreatment are not eligible for

alternative response

Definition: Cases involving other types of child maltreatment are not eligible

for alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1 2 99 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52 N: 28

Value Label Frequency Percent 0 No 15 28.85 1 Yes 13 25.00 66 Logical Skip 24 46.15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Inelig_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of other child maltreatment not eligible for

alternative response

Definition: Specification of types of child maltreatment not eligible for

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_2_99_other

Variable Type: String Universe: 52 N: 13

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRiskDet

Variable Label: Eligibility for alternative response informed by risk determination

Definition: Eligibility for alternative or differential response informed by a

> risk determination. Please note this variable was renamed in 2023 to make this more distinct from the other related variables about risk for alternative response eligibility. It was previously

named AltResp_EligibilityRisk in the 2021 and 2019 data.

Protocol Number: W1 3 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 21 | 40.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRiskTool

Variable Label: Tool used to determine risk for alternative response

Definition: Tool used to determine risk for eligibility for alternative or

differential response

Protocol Number: W1_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 20

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 16 | 30.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 31 | 59.62 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRiskToolSpec

Variable Label: Tool is used to determine risk for alt response-specify

Definition: Specification of tool used to determine risk for eligibility for

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_4_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 16

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRisk_No

Variable Label: Risk level eligible for alternative response-no risk

Definition: Cases with no risk, including cases with no immediate safety

risk, threat, or harm, are eligible for alternative or differential

response

Protocol Number: W1_5_0
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 21

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 16 | 30.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 9.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 31 | 59.62 |

Value Attribute

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Low

Variable Label: Risk level eligible for alternative response-low risk

Definition: Cases with low risk are eligible for alternative or differential

response

Protocol Number: W1_5_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 21

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 9 | 17.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 31 | 59.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Moderate

Variable Label: Risk level eligible for alternative response-moderate risk

Definition: Cases with moderate risk are eligible for alternative or differential

response

Protocol Number: W1_5_2 Numeric Variable Type: 52 Universe:

N: 21

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 9 | 17.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 31 | 59.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Other

Variable Label: Risk level eligible for alternative response-other risk

Definition: Cases with other levels of risk are eligible for alternative or

differential response

Protocol Number: W1_5_99 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52 N: 21

| Value | <u>Label</u> | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 16 | 30.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 9.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 31 | 59.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRiskOtherSpec

Variable Label: Risk level eligible for alternative response-other specify
Definition: Specification of other levels of risk for cases eligible for

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_5_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 5

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Unknown

Variable Label: Risk level eligible for alternative response-unknown

Definition: Level of risk for eligibility for alternative or differential response is

unknown

Protocol Number: W1_5_88
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 21

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 19 | 36.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 31 | 59.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Eligibility_NoOtherCases

Variable Label: Cases eligible for alternative response-no other conditions

Definition: No other conditions for referral to alternative or differential

response

Protocol Number: W1_6_0
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 27 | 51.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Eligibility_NoSafetyCon

Variable Label: Cases eligible for alternative response-no immediate safety

concerns

Definition: Cases with no immediate safety concerns are eligible for

referrals to alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_6_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 21 | 40.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Eligibility_PriorReports

31

Variable Label: Cases eligible for alternative response-no or few prior reports

Definition: Cases with no or few prior reports are eligible for referral to

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_6_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 19 | 36.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 23.08 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Eligibility_Other

Variable Label: Cases eligible for alternative response-other conditions

Definition: Specification of other conditions that are eligible for referral to

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_6_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 21 | 40.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Eligibility_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Cases eligible for alternative response-other conditions specify

Definition: Specification of other conditions that are eligible for referral to

alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_6_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 21

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Process_AtScreening

Variable Label: Alternative response determination process-at time of screening Definition: Process for determination of referral to alternative or differential

response is made at time of screening to screen-out case

Protocol Number: W1_7_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 19 | 36.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 23.08 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Process_AfterScreenIn

Variable Label: Alternative response determination process-after report

screened-in

Definition: Process for determination of referral to alternative or differential

response is made after screening, once a case has been

screened-in

Protocol Number: W1_7_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

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 52

 N:
 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 7 | 13.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 24 | 46.15 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Process_Other

Variable Label: Alternative response determination process-other

Definition: Process for determination of referral to alternative or differential

response is made at another time

Protocol Number: W1_7_99
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 29 | 55.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_Process_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Alternative response determination process-other specify

Definition: Specification of when in the process the determination is made

for referral to alternative or differential response

Protocol Number: W1_7_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_ServiceReferral_No

Variable Label: Alternative response cases do not have referrals to community

services

Definition: Cases engaged in alternative or differential response do not

have referrals to community services

Protocol Number: W2_0
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 30 | 57.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | 1.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_ServiceReferral_AllCases

Variable Label: All alternative response cases have referrals to community

services

Definition: All cases engaged in alternative or differential response are

provided referrals to community services

Protocol Number: W2_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_ServiceReferral_Interest

Variable Label: Alternative response cases have referrals to community services

when interested

Definition: Cases engaged in alternative or differential response are

provided referrals to community services when families express

an interest

Protocol Number: W2_2
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 21 | 40.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_ServiceReferral_Risk

Variable Label: Alternative response cases have referrals to community services

when risk

Definition: Cases engaged in alternative or differential response are

provided referrals to community services when there is a

determination of risk or need for services

Protocol Number: W2_3 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 31

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 17 | 32.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 14 | 26.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_ServiceReferralOther

Variable Label: Alternative response cases have referrals to community

services-other

Definition: Cases engaged in alternative or differential response are

provided referrals to community services for other reasons

Protocol Number: W2_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 24 | 46.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 7 | 13.46 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AltResp_ServiceReferralOtherSpec

31

Variable Label: Alternative response cases have referrals to community

services-other specify

Definition: Specification of other reasons why cases engaged in alternative

or differential response are provided referrals to community

services

Protocol Number: W2_4_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 7

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InHome_Unsubstantiated

Variable Label: In-home services provided for unsubstantiated cases

Definition: Child welfare agency, or contracted provider, provides in-home

services for unsubstantiated cases to address needs to maintain

intact families

Protocol Number: W3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 51

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yesimplemented statewide | 43 | 82.69 |
| 2 | Yesimplemented in specific counties or regions | 2 | 3.85 |
| 88 | Unknown | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: InHome_PostReunification

Variable Label: In-home services provided post reunification

Definition: Child welfare agency, or contracted provider, provides in-home

services for families post-reunification

Protocol Number: W4

Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yesimplemented statewide | 44 | 84.62 |
| 2 | Yesimplemented in specific counties or regions | 2 | 3.85 |

Value Attribute

Variable Name: TribalFoster

Variable Label: Tribes involved in providing foster care for Tribal cases

Definition: Tribes within the state are involved in providing foster care for

Tribal cases

W5 Protocol Number:

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No, Tribes within state do not provide foster care | 14 | 26.92 |
| 1 | Yes, Tribes within state provide foster care | 28 | 53.85 |
| 2 | No, there are no Tribes within the state | 10 | 19.23 |

Attribute Value

TribalFoster_Specify Variable Name:

Variable Label: Specify Tribes involved in providing foster care of Tribal cases Definition: Specification of Tribes that provide foster care for Tribal cases

Protocol Number: W5_1 Variable Type: String Universe: 52 N: 28

Attribute Value Variable Name: Tribe_IVE

Variable Label: Tribes directly operate a Title IV-E program

Definition: Tribes have an HHS-approved Title IV-E plan to directly operate

a Title IV-E program. Tribes may be located across states.

Protocol Number: W5_2 Numeric Variable Type: Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 42 | 80.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |

Value Attribute

Variable Name: Tribe_IVE_Number

Variable Label: Specify the number of Tribes that operate a Title IV-E program Definition: Specification of the number of Tribes that operate a Title IV-E

program. Tribes may be located across states.

Protocol Number: W5 2 Numeric Variable Type: Universe: 52 N: 10

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 1 | 7 | 13.46 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1.92 |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 42 | 80.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: Tribe_IVE_Specify

Variable Label: Specify the name of Tribe(s) that operates a Title IV-E program Definition:

Name of Tribe(s) that operate(s) a Title IV-E program. Tribes

may be located across states.

Protocol Number: W5_2 String Variable Type: Universe: 52 N: 10

Attribute Value **ICWAState** Variable Name:

Variable Label: State law codified federal ICWA requirements Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirements

Protocol Number: W5_3 Numeric Variable Type: Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 34 | 65.38 |
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ICWAState_TribalStatus

Variable Label: State law codified requirement-identify child's Tribal status

Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirement to identify child's

Tribal status

Protocol Number: W5_3_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 14 | 26.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ICWAState_ActiveEfforts

Variable Label: State law codified requirement-use active efforts

Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirement to use active efforts

to prevent removal and reunite families

Protocol Number: W5_3_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 17 | 32.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ICWAState Notification

Variable Label: State law codified requirement-notify child's parents/Tribe

Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirement to notify child's

parents and Tribe for custody proceedings, including foster care

placement or termination of parental rights

Protocol Number: W5_3_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ICWAState_Custody

Variable Label: State law codified requirement-actively work to involve child's

parents/Tribe

Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirement to involve a child's

parents and Tribe during the custody proceedings

Protocol Number: W5_3_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 7 | 13.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 11 | 21.15 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ICWAState_Placement

Variable Label: State law codified requirement-identify placement using ICWA

preference

Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirement to identify a foster

care or pre-adoptive placement using ICWA preference

provisions

Protocol Number: W5_3_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ICWAState_Expert

Variable Label: State law codified requirement-use qualified expert witnesses

Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirement to use qualified

expert witnesses

Protocol Number: W5_3_1 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 18 | 34.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ICWAState_StateRecTribes

Variable Label: State law codified requirement applies to state-recognized Tribe

Definition: State law codified federal ICWA requirement applies to state-

recognized Tribes, which may include Tribes that are not

federally-recognized

Protocol Number: W5_3_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 14 | 26.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtendedFosterCare

Variable Label: Extended foster care available for those older than age 18

Definition: State provides extended foster care usually under state custody

with voluntary placement agreement for those older than age 18.

Extended foster care can be funded through Title IV-E foster

care payments or other funding, such as from state.

Protocol Number: W6

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Yes | 49 | 94.23 |
| 99 | Other | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtendedFosterCare_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Specify other types of extended foster care services for those

older than age 18

Definition: Specification of other types of extended foster care services

available to those older than age 18

Protocol Number: W6
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 3

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtendedFosterCare_Age

Variable Label: Extended foster care available up to a specific age

Definition: Age to which state provides extended foster care for those older

than 18 years old

Protocol Number: W6_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Up to age 21 (until 21st birthday) | 45 | 86.54 |
| 99 | Other | 7 | 13.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtendedFosterCare_Age_OtherSpec

Variable Label: Extended foster care available until specified age-other specify

Definition: Specification of other age to which state provides extended

foster care

Protocol Number: W6_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 7

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Request

Variable Label: Extended foster care-youth requests or opts in

Definition: State requires youth to proactively request, provide consent, or

opt in to receive extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6_2
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 45 | 86.54 |
| 99 | Other | 1 | 1.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Request_OtherSpec

Variable Label: Other process for youth to receive extended foster care-other

specify

Definition: Specification of state's requirement of other process for youth to

receive to receive extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6_2
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 1

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_None
Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-none

Definition: State has no criteria for youth to remain in extended foster care.

Youth automatically transition from foster care to extended foster

care.

Protocol Number: W6_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 45 | 86.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 7 | 13.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_School

52

Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-enrolled in school

Definition: State requires youth to be enrolled in school to remain in

extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 13 | 25.00 |
| 1 | Yes | 39 | 75.00 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Employed Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-employed

Definition: State requires youth to be employed to remain in extended foster

care

Protocol Number: W6 3 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 18 | 34.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Training

Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-workforce development/training Definition: State requires youth to participate in workforce development or

training program, including program designed to remove barriers

to employment, to remain in extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6_3 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 16 | 30.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 36 | 69.23 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare Criteria Plan

52

Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-comply with IL plan

Definition: State requires youth to comply with independent living or self-

sufficiency plan to remain in extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6 3 Variable Type: Numeric Universe: 52 N:

Value Label Frequency Percent 0 No 39 75.00 Yes 13 25.00

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Services

Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-receive IL/other services

Definition: State requires youth to receive independent living or other

services to remain in extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 46 | 88.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 11.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Exempt

Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-medical exemption

Definition: State requires youth to have a medical condition that exempts

them from meeting requirements for remaining in extended foster

care

Protocol Number: W6_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 19 | 36.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 33 | 63.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Other
Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-other

52

Definition: State requires youth to meet other requirements to remain in

extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 35
 67.31

 1
 Yes
 17
 32.69

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Criteria_OtherSpec

Variable Label: Extended foster care criteria-other specify

Definition: Specification of state's other requirements for youth to remain in

extended foster care

Protocol Number: W6_3
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 17

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Reentry

Variable Label: State allows reentry to extended foster care for those over age

18

Definition: State allows youth who age out of or leave foster care to reenter

extended foster care after age 18

Protocol Number: W6_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 38 | 73.08 |
| 88 | Unknown | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Consent

Variable Label: Extended foster care reentry condition-consent or agreement

Definition: State allows youth who age out of or leave foster care to reenter

extended foster care after age 18 if youth consents, requests, or

signs a voluntary placement agreement

Protocol Number: W6_4_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 38

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 34 | 65.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 14 | 26.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Plan

Variable Label: Extended foster care reentry condition-develop IL plan

Definition: State allows youth who age out of or leave foster care to reenter

extended foster care after age 18 if youth develops an

independent living plan

Protocol Number: W6_4_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 38

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 31 | 59.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 7 | 13.46 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 14 | 26.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Best

Variable Label: Extended foster care reentry condition-best interest of youth

Definition: State allows youth who age out of or leave foster care to reenter

extended foster care after age 18 if it is in the best interest of the

youth

Protocol Number: W6_4_1 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 30 | 57.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 14 | 26.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Reentry_Other

Variable Label: Extended foster care reentry condition-other

Definition: State allows youth who age out of or leave foster care to reenter

extended foster care after age 18 if there are other conditions

Protocol Number: W6_4_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 38

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 18 | 34.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 20 | 38.46 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 14 | 26.92 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ExtFosterCare_Reentry_OtherSpec

Variable Label: Extended foster care reentry condition-other specify

Definition: Specification of other conditions in which state allows youth who

age out of or leave foster care to reenter extended foster care

after age 18

Protocol Number: W6_4_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 20

Attribute Value

Variable Name: KinGuardianship

Variable Label: State has kinship guardianship

Definition: State has kinship or relative guardianship as a permanency

option

Protocol Number: W7
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SubGuardianship

Variable Label: State has subsidized guardianship

Definition: State has subsidized guardianship as a permanency option

Protocol Number: W8

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 6 | 11.54 |
| 1 | Yes | 46 | 88.46 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SubKinGuardianship

Variable Label: State has subsidized kinship guardianship

Definition: State has subsidized kinship or relative guardianship as a

permanency option

Protocol Number: W9
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: SubAdoption

Variable Label: State has subsidized adoption

Definition: State has subsidized adoption as a permanency option

Protocol Number: W10
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

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Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagement_State

Variable Label: Staff who conduct foster care case management-state or county

agency staff

Definition: State or county public agency staff conduct foster care case

management

Protocol Number: W11_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 51 | 98.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagement_Provider

Variable Label: Staff who conduct foster care case management-contracted

provider

Definition: Contracted provider staff conduct foster care case management

Protocol Number: W11_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 31 | 59.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 21 | 40.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagement Tribal

Variable Label: Staff who conduct foster care case management-Tribal agency

staff

52

Definition: Tribal agency staff conduct foster care case management

Protocol Number: W11_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

 Value 0
 Label 0
 Frequency 35
 Percent 67.31

 1
 Yes
 17
 32.69

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_Associate

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-associate's degree

Definition: Qualifications of foster care case managers include an

associate's degree

Protocol Number: W12_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 48 | 92.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_Bachelor

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-bachelor's degree

Definition: Qualifications of foster care case managers include a bachelor's

degree

Protocol Number: W12_2 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 7 | 13.46 |
| 1 | Yes | 45 | 86.54 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_Master

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-master's degree

Definition: Qualifications foster care case managers include a master's

degree

52

Protocol Number: W12_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N:

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Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_Training

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-training

Definition: Qualifications of foster care case managers include training for

case management

Protocol Number: W12_4 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 18 | 34.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_TrainingSpecify

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-training specify

Definition: Specification of training qualification needed for staff who are

foster care case managers

Protocol Number: W12_4_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 34

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_Experience

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-years of experience

Definition: Qualifications of staff who are foster care case managers include

years of experience

Protocol Number: W12_5
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

 Universe:
 52

 N:
 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 23 | 44.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 29 | 55.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_ExperienceSpec

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-years of experience

specify

Definition: Specification of years of experience qualifications needed for

staff who are foster care case managers

Protocol Number: W12_5_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 29

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_Other

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-other

Definition: Other qualifications are needed for staff who are foster care case

managers

Protocol Number: W12_99 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 37 | 71.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 15 | 28.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case managers-other specify

Definition: Specification of other qualifications needed for staff who are

foster care case managers

Protocol Number: W12_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 15

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_SW

Variable Label: Qualifications of foster care case manager staff-SW degree

Definition: Qualifications of staff who are foster care case managers include

a degree in social work or related field

Protocol Number: W12_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 48

| Label | Frequency | Percent |
|---|---|--|
| No | 11 | 21.15 |
| Yes, required | 22 | 42.31 |
| Yes, recommended or preferred, but not required | 14 | 26.92 |
| Logical Skip | 4 | 7.69 |
| Other | 1 | 1.92 |
| | No Yes, required Yes, recommended or preferred, but not required Logical Skip | No 11 Yes, required 22 Yes, recommended or preferred, but not required 14 Logical Skip 4 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CaseManagerQual_SW_OtherSpec

Variable Label: Specification of qualifications of foster care case manager staff-

SW degree

Definition: Specification of social work or related field degree qualification

needed for staff who are foster care case managers

Protocol Number: W12_1_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 1

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaffRole_No

Variable Label: Child welfare agency does not have equity staff roles

Definition: Child welfare agency does not have staff roles or functions

specifically dedicated to addressing disproportionality and/or

equity

Protocol Number: W13_0
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 22 | 42.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 30 | 57.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaffRole_CulturalBroker

Variable Label: Child welfare agency has cultural brokers

Definition: Child welfare agency has cultural brokers

Protocol Number: W13_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 48 | 92.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaffRole_Manager

Variable Label: Child welfare agency has DEI manager administrator or office Definition: Child welfare agency has a manager, administrator, or office

focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) or multicultural

or Tribal affairs

Protocol Number: W13_2 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 36 | 69.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 16 | 30.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaffRole_Other

Variable Label: Child welfare agency has equity staff - other

Definition: Child welfare agency has other staff roles or functions

specifically dedicated to addressing disproportionality and/or

equity is other

Protocol Number: W13_99 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 48 | 92.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaffRole_Unknown

Variable Label: Child welfare agency has equity staff - unknown

Definition: Child welfare agency has staff roles or functions specifically

dedicated to addressing disproportionality and/or equity is

unknown

Protocol Number: W13_88
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 52

 Value 0
 Label 0
 Frequency 98.08

 1
 Yes
 1
 1.92

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CulturalBroker_Screening

Variable Label: Cultural brokers are involved in screening

Definition: Cultural brokers are involved in the screening process

Protocol Number: W13_1_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 4

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 48 | 92.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CulturalBroker_Investigation

Variable Label: Cultural brokers are involved in investigation

Definition: Cultural brokers are involved in the investigation process

Protocol Number: W13_1_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 4

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 48 | 92.31 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CulturalBroker_CaseMgmt

Variable Label: Cultural brokers are involved in case management or child

welfare response

Definition: Cultural brokers are involved in case management or child

welfare response

Protocol Number: W13_1_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 4

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 1
 Yes
 4
 7.69

 66
 Logical Skip
 48
 92.31

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CulturalBroker_Other

Variable Label: Cultural brokers are involved in process-other Definition: Cultural brokers are involved in other process

Protocol Number: W13_1_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 4

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 4
 7.69

 66
 Logical Skip
 48
 92.31

Attribute Value

Variable Name: CulturalBroker_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Cultural brokers are involved in process-other specify

Definition: Specification of other process that involves cultural brokers

Protocol Number: W13_1_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 0

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaff_Specify

Variable Label: Equity staff role or job function-specify

Definition: Specification of equity staff role or job function. This variable

captures available descriptive information for states with

managers, administrators, or offices focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) or multicultural or Tribal affairs and for states

with other staff roles or functions specifically dedicated to

addressing disproportionality and/or equity.

Protocol Number: W13_2_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 18

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaff_Screening

Variable Label: Equity staff are involved in screening

Definition: Equity staff are involved in the screening process

Protocol Number: W13_2_2_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 15 | 28.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 3 | 5.77 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaff_Investigation

Variable Label: Equity staff are involved in investigation

Definition: Equity staff are involved in the investigation process

Protocol Number: W13_2_2_2
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 14 | 26.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 7.69 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaff_CaseMgmt

Variable Label: Equity staff are involved in case management or child welfare

response

Definition: Equity staff are involved in case management or child welfare

response

Protocol Number: W13_2_2_3
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 13 | 25.00 |
| 1 | Yes | 5 | 9.62 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaff_Other

Variable Label: Equity staff are involved in process-other Definition: Equity staff are involved in other process

Protocol Number: W13_2_2_99
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 18

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 14 | 26.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 34 | 65.38 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: EquityStaff OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Equity staff are involved in process-other specify
Definition: Specification of other process that involves equity staff

Protocol Number: W13_2_2_99_other

Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 14

Attribute Variable Name: Value AntiDiscrim

Variable Label: State anti-discrimination law for child welfare agency

Definition: State has anti-discrimination law, policy, or official statement that

prohibit discrimination by the child welfare agency (including agency staff or their contractors) against children, youth, or

families involved in the child welfare system

Protocol Number: W14
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 50 | 96.15 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Age

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on age

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on age

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 50

 Value 0
 Label 0
 Frequency 9.62
 Percent 9.62

 1
 Yes
 45
 86.54

 66
 Logical Skip
 2
 3.85

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Race

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on race or ethnicity

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on race or ethnicity

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Tribal

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on Tribal affiliation

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on Tribal affiliation

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 48 | 92.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Gender

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or

expression

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on gender identity or

expression

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 12 | 23.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 38 | 73.08 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_SexualOrientation

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on sexual orientation

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 40 | 76.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Sex

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on sex

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on sex

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 10 | 19.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 40 | 76.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim Disability

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on disability

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on disability

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 50

| Value | <u>Label</u> | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Religion

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on religion or creed

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on religion or creed

Protocol Number: W14_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 4 | 7.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 46 | 88.46 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_National

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on national origin

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on national origin

Protocol Number: W14_1 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 3 | 5.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 47 | 90.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Poverty

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on poverty

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on poverty, socioeconomic status and situation, public assistance status, housing status

(including homelessness)

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 48 | 92.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 2 | 3.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Marital

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on marital status

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on marital status

Protocol Number: W14_1 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 30 | 57.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 20 | 38.46 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Crim

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on justice

involvement/criminal history

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on justice involvement or

criminal history

Protocol Number: W14_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 49 | 94.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | 1.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Color

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on color

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on color

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 9 | 17.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 41 | 78.85 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Ancestry

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on ancestry

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on ancestry

Protocol Number: W14_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 38 | 73.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 23.08 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Political

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on political beliefs or

affiliations

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on political beliefs or

affiliations

Protocol Number: W14_1 Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 24 | 46.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 26 | 50.00 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Military

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on military or veteran status

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on military or veteran status or

type of military discharge

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 40 | 76.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 10 | 19.23 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Genetic

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on genetic information

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on genetic information

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 42 | 80.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 8 | 15.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Familial

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on familial status

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on familial status, which includes pregnancy and related conditions (such as childbirth and breastfeeding or nursing), parenting status, parents of children under age 18, and those with legal custody or

guardianship over children

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 38 | 73.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 23.08 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Other

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on other characteristics

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination based on other characteristics

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 31 | 59.62 |
| 1 | Yes | 19 | 36.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Specification of other characteristics state prohibits

discrimination

Definition: Specification of state's law, policy, or official statement that

prohibits the child welfare agency from discrimination based on

other characteristics

Protocol Number: W14_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 19

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Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Unknown

Variable Label: State prohibits discrimination based on characteristics -

unknown

Definition: Unknown whether state's law, policy, or official statement

prohibits the child welfare agency from discrimination based

characteristics

Protocol Number: W14_1 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 50

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 49 | 94.23 |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | 1.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Who_All

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-all children/families engaged by child

welfare system

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination against all children, youth, and

families engaged in the child welfare system

Protocol Number: W14_2
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Who_Some

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-some children/families engaged by

child welfare system

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare

agency from discrimination against some children, youth, or

families engaged in the child welfare system

Protocol Number: W14_2
Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 43 | 82.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 11.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Who_SomeSpecify

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-Specify children/families engaged by

child welfare

Definition: Specification of which children, youth, or families the state's law,

policy, or official statement prohibits the child welfare agency

from discriminating

Protocol Number: W14_2
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 6

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Who_Vary

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-characteristics vary by who

Definition: Variation of the characteristics of children, youth, or families

covered by the state's anti-discrimination law, policy, or official

statement

Protocol Number: W14_3
Variable Type: Numeric

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 43 | 82.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 6 | 11.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Who_VarySpecify

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-specify characteristics vary by who Definition: Specification of the variation of the characteristics of children,

youth, or families covered in the state's anti-discrimination law,

policy, or official statement

Protocol Number: W14_3
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 6

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Apply_All

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-all child welfare decisions and

processes

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits discrimination

for all child welfare decision points and processes

Protocol Number: W14_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 1 | 1.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 48 | 92.31 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Apply_Some

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-some child welfare decisions and

processes

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits discrimination

for some child welfare decision points and processes

Protocol Number: W14_4
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 49

 Value
 Label
 Frequency
 Percent

 0
 No
 44
 84.62

 1
 Yes
 5
 9.62

 66
 Logical Skip
 3
 5.77

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Apply_SomeSpecify

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-specify some child welfare decisions

and processes

Definition: Specification of some child welfare decision points and

processes that the state's law, policy, or official statement

prohibits discrimination

Protocol Number: W14 4 Variable Type: String Universe: 52 N: 5

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Apply_Vary

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-characteristics vary by decision point Definition: Variation of the characteristics of children, youth, or families

regarding which child welfare decision point or parts of process

that the state's law, policy, or official statement apply

Protocol Number: W14 5 Numeric Variable Type: Universe: 52 49

N:

Value Label Frequency Percent 0 No 45 86.54 1 Yes 4 7.69 3 66 Logical Skip 5.77

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Apply_VarySpecify

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-specify characteristics vary by decision

point

Definition: Specification of the variation of the characteristics of children,

> youth, or families regarding which child welfare decision point or parts of process that the state's law, policy, or official statement

apply

Protocol Number: W14_5 Variable Type: String Universe: 52 N: 4

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Staff_CWAgency

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-by child welfare agency staff

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits discrimination

by child welfare agency staff working with children, youth, and

families

Protocol Number: W14_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 2 | 3.85 |
| 1 | Yes | 47 | 90.38 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Staff_Contractor

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-by contracted child welfare provider

staff

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits discrimination

by staff from contracted child welfare provider organizations (including service providers and foster care providers) working

with children, youth, and families

Protocol Number: W14_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52

N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 17 | 32.69 |
| 1 | Yes | 32 | 61.54 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Staff_Foster

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-by foster parents and kinship

caregivers

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits discrimination

by foster parents and kinship caregivers

Protocol Number: W14_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 38 | 73.08 |
| 1 | Yes | 11 | 21.15 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Staff_Other

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-by others

Definition: State's law, policy, or official statement prohibits discrimination

by others

Protocol Number: W14_6
Variable Type: Numeric
Universe: 52
N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 37 | 71.15 |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 23.08 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Staff_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-specify others

Definition: Specification of others that state's law, policy, or official

statement prohibits discrimination by

Protocol Number: W14_6
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 12

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Staff_Vary

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-characteristics vary by staff
Definition: Variation of characteristics of children, youth, or families

regarding which child welfare agency staff, contractors, or others

providing child welfare services must abide by state's anti-

discrimination law, policy, or official statement

Protocol Number: W14_7 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 49

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 35 | 67.31 |
| 1 | Yes | 14 | 26.92 |
| 66 | Logical Skip | 3 | 5.77 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: AntiDiscrim_Staff_VarySpecify

Variable Label: Discrimination prohibited-specify characteristics vary by staff
Definition: Specification of the variation of characteristics of children, youth,

or families regarding which the child welfare agency staff,

contractors, or others providing child welfare services must abide

by state's anti-discrimination law, policy, or official statement

Protocol Number: W14_7
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 14

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReligiousObjections

Variable Label: Child welfare contractors with religious objections

Definition: State law or policy allows child welfare contracted organizations

(delivering foster care or other services) with sincerely held religious beliefs to withhold serving certain children or families due to religious objections (serving them would be against the

organization's religious beliefs)

Protocol Number: W14_8 Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 45

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 29 | 55.77 |
| 1 | Yes | 14 | 26.92 |
| 88 | Unknown | 7 | 13.46 |
| 99 | Other | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ReligiousObjections_OtherSpecify

Variable Label: Child welfare contractors with religious objections-other specify

Definition: Specification of other for whether state law or policy allows child

Specification of other for whether state law or policy allows child welfare contracted organizations (delivering foster care or other

services) with sincerely held religious beliefs to withhold serving certain children or families due to religious objections (serving

them would be against their religious beliefs)

Protocol Number: W14_8
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 2

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Attribute Value

Variable Name: CWSystemAdmin

Variable Label: State child welfare system is state/county-administered

Definition: State child welfare system is state/county-administered

Protocol Number: C1

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | State-administered | 41 | 78.85 |
| 2 | County-administered | 9 | 17.31 |
| 3 | Hybrid | 2 | 3.85 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ConsentDecree

Variable Label: State operates under a legal consent decree

Definition: State operates under a legal consent decree or other court-

ordered monitoring

Protocol Number: C2

Variable Type: Numeric

Universe: 52 N: 52

| Value | Label | Frequency | Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 0 | No | 40 | 76.92 |
| 1 | Yes | 12 | 23.08 |

Attribute Value

Variable Name: ConsentDecree_Specify

Variable Label: State operates under legal consent decree-specify
Definition: Specification of the consent degree or court case

Protocol Number: C2_1
Variable Type: String
Universe: 52
N: 12

APPENDIX A

Glossary of Key Terms



Appendix A: Glossary of Key Terms

This glossary defines several key terms used in the SCAN Policies Database. The terms are organized alphabetically within each of the six topic domains, which reflect the organizational structure of the data file, codebook, and data collection protocol. This glossary is not an exhaustive list of all terms used in the database. Instead, it highlights several terms that may be unfamiliar to data users.

The SCAN Policies Database codebook (https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources) also provides a resource for users to understand the definitions of specific variables. For more information about these or other child welfare terms, please refer to the glossary produced by the Child Welfare Information Gateway (https://www.childwelfare.gov/glossary/).

Alternative or differential response: An approach used by some child protection or child welfare agencies to provide different options to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect, other than an investigation to assess whether child maltreatment occurred. This response can be referred to as an alternative response, a differential response, or a dual-track or multiple-track response system. Different factors are used to determine eligibility for alternative or differential response. Such factors often include assessment of the level of risk for the child and the family's need for support services.

Anti-discrimination laws or policies relevant to the child welfare system: A state law, policy, or other official statement that prohibits discrimination against children, youth, or families involved in the child welfare system or other public programs. Any anti-discrimination law, policy, or statement established by a state department or agency that includes the child welfare agency would apply.

Centralized reporting: A child maltreatment reporting method, usually a hotline, designed to facilitate reporting to one entity that will accept reports of suspected child abuse and neglect from all locations across a state (see definition for *reporting*).

Consent decree: A legal order that results from a lawsuit against the child welfare agency. Consent decrees often have requirements for the child welfare agency to implement corrective actions and monitor improvements related to the reason for the lawsuit.

Cultural broker: A person who leverages established community relationships and provides culturally-sensitive brokering, support, and advocacy to families who are involved with or at risk of being involved with the child welfare system. Cultural brokers also help to identify and address concerns regarding disproportionality and disparities in the child welfare system.

Extended foster care: Foster care services provided to young adults aged 18 and older, which may include a voluntary placement or similar agreement¹. For purposes of this project, extended foster care services are not limited to only those services funded by Title IV-E and may include services supported by other funding sources, such as state funding.

Factitious disorder by proxy: A type of child maltreatment, also known as Munchausen by proxy or medical child abuse, that results when a parent or caretaker misrepresents information,

¹ For more information about extended foster care, please see the available resources from the Child Welfare Information Gateway at https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/statutes/extensionfc.

simulates an illness, or seeks medical treatment for a child who is not really sick with the alleged illness.

Failure to thrive: A type of child maltreatment that is a medically diagnosed condition in which a child fails to develop physically. Also referred to as nonorganic failure to thrive. This condition is typically indicated by a child's weight, height, and motor development falling significantly below age-appropriate ranges with no medical or organic cause.

Guardianship: A legal permanency option granted by the court when the parental rights of the child are transferred to an adult nonparent to serve as the child's caretaker.

Indian Child Welfare Act: The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 is a federal law that governs the removal and out-of-home placement of American Indian and Alaska Native (Al/AN) children and youth. ICWA sets minimum standards for states concerning the removal of Al/AN children and youth, placement preferences for family and Tribal members, and protections for parents when terminating parental rights. The law also specifies the roles of states and Tribal governments in these processes.²

In-home services: Services provided to children and families who were reported for alleged child maltreatment and determined as needing supports to address the children's safety needs. The children are not in foster care or in the custody of the child welfare agency. These services can be provided to children who are able to remain at home, without needing out-of-home or foster care, or to children who have been reunified with their families and returned home from being in out-of-home or foster care. In home services can be provided directly by the child welfare agency or by another service provider on behalf of a child welfare agency.

Institutional abuse or neglect: A type of child maltreatment that occurs while the child is in an institution, facility, or agency that is responsible for the child's welfare, such as foster care, out-of-home care, or any public or private residential home.

Investigation: A response by the child protection or child welfare agency that gathers information to determine whether the reported child maltreatment occurred. The investigation assesses whether child maltreatment occurred or whether the child is at risk of child maltreatment and results in a formal determination or disposition, such as whether or not the report of child maltreatment was substantiated (see definition for *substantiation*).

Kinship guardianship: State laws and policies that allow for a family member, or "kin", to become the legal permanent guardian for a child who has been placed in out-of-home or foster care (see definition for *guardianship*).

Mandated reporting: A state law requiring certain people to report known or suspected child abuse and neglect. Some states require all people to report child maltreatment (see *universal mandated reporting*), while other states identify specific professionals as mandated reporters (see definition for *reporting*).

Reporting: The process in which a person who knows of or suspects child abuse or neglect notifies authorities, such as child protection or child welfare agencies, of the alleged child

² For more information about the Indian Child Welfare Act, please see the available resources from the Child Welfare Information Gateway at https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/tribal-child-welfare/indian-child-welfare-act/?top=1390.

maltreatment and provides information that is known about the alleged child victim, perpetrator, and child maltreatment.

Safe haven: A policy where a parent can voluntarily relinquish a child, usually a newborn, to lawfully designated locations, such as hospitals, fire stations, or other safe settings. When a child is safely surrendered in this way, the parent is protected from criminal prosecution. The voluntary relinquishment of a child that follows the safe haven policy requirements may be exempt from the state's definitions of child maltreatment.

Screening: The process in which child protection or child welfare agency staff review information received from a report of child maltreatment to determine whether there is sufficient information to "screen-in" a report to pursue next steps, such as opening an investigation or referring the case for an alternative response. The screening process typically considers whether there is sufficient information about a variety of factors, including whether the report provides enough information to identify the alleged child victim and whether the alleged child maltreatment meets the state's definitions for child abuse or neglect.

Shaken baby syndrome: A type of child maltreatment that involves a serious head or brain injury resulting from violent shaking or impacting of the head of an infant or small child, which can result in death or permanent neurologic disability. Also known as abusive head trauma or shaking impact syndrome.

State- and county-administered child welfare systems: The framework for administration of child welfare services and programs, which can be administered at the state or county levels. State- administered systems are more centralized, while county-administered systems are decentralized and can have more variability across counties.

Subsidized adoption: State program that provides financial assistance or subsidies for caregivers to adopt children from foster care who have special needs.

Subsidized guardianship: State program that provides financial assistance or subsidies for caregivers who take legal guardianship of children (see definition for *guardianship*).

Substantiation: A decision made at the conclusion of an investigation of a report of alleged child maltreatment, when there is sufficient and credible evidence that the child maltreatment occurred or that there is risk of child maltreatment. The term for a substantiated investigation decision can vary by jurisdiction. It can also be referred to as a founded, indicated, or confirmed report of child maltreatment (see definition for *investigation*).

Title IV-E foster care program: Title IV-E of the Social Security Act provides federal funding for foster care—including maintenance expenses for eligible children and related administrative and training expenses—to states and Tribes with approved title IV-E plans.³

Tribes: The original or first inhabitants of North America and their communities, including Indigenous, First Nation, American Indian, Indian, Native American, Native, and Alaska Native communities. The project did not limit this definition to only federally recognized Tribes, so it is inclusive of all Tribes based on each states' definitions and policies. Some Tribal lands span multiple states.

³ For more information about the title IV-E foster care program, please see the available resources from the Children's Bureau at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/grant-funding/title-iv-e-foster-care.

Universal mandated reporting: A state law that requires all people, regardless of profession, to report known or suspected child maltreatment (see definition for *reporting*).



APPENDIX B

Changes to Data Between the 2021 and 2023 SCAN Policies Data Sets That Reflect Changes to State Laws and Policies



Appendix B: Changes to Data Between the 2021 and 2023 SCAN Policies Data Sets That Reflect Changes to State Laws and Policies

A key objective of the SCAN Policies Database is to identify changes in states' laws and policies over time. This appendix summarizes the changes in state laws and policies that occurred between data collection for the 2021 and 2023 SCAN Policies Database. In addition to summarizing the changes overall and by domain, this appendix includes a detailed list of each variable with changes over this time and identifies states that had changes for that variable.

This appendix provides an overview of changes in data elements from 2021 version 2 to 2023 version 1 data sets for all numeric variables. This comparison excluded string variables because most changes to these variables were due to non-substantive revisions (for example, editing, minor text refinements based on input from state contacts, or revising information in the open text response if a newly created categorical variable captured it). Data users who conduct analysis with string variables should review those data to determine if there are any substantive changes of importance for their analysis.

Most of the changes identified in this appendix reflect changes in states' laws and policies. However, this appendix also includes select variables where a new response option (variable value) was implemented to capture state laws and policies more accurately. Data users should review changes for variables of interest to confirm if these changes are reflective of changes in states' laws and policies or a revised response option.

Summary of changes over time

Across all domains, 400 numeric data elements⁴ changed between the 2021 version 2 and 2023 version 1 data sets, which represents changes to 2.40 percent of all numeric data elements in the 2023 SCAN Policies Database. In total, 158 numeric variables had at least one data element (or state) with a change from 2021 to 2023, which is 49.38 percent of variables.

Table B.1 presents the number and percentage of data elements and variables with changes from 2021 to 2023 for each domain. The child welfare response domain had the highest number of data elements (158) and variables (57) with changes between 2021 and 2023.

Table B.1. Number and percentage of changes from 2021 to 2023 among numeric data elements and variables, by domain

| | Number (%) of | | Number (%) of | |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| | numeric data | Number of | numeric | Number of |
| | elements with | numeric data | variables with | numeric |
| Domain | changes | elements | changes | variables |
| Definitions | 35 (0.93%) | 3,744 | 22 (30.55%) | 72 |
| Reporting | 57 (1.07%) | 5,304 | 34 (33.33%) | 102 |
| Screening | 72 (3.46%) | 2,080 | 19 (47.50%) | 40 |
| Investigations | 73 (3.19%) | 2,288 | 25 (56.82%) | 44 |
| Child welfare response | 158 (5.06%) | 3,120 | 57 (95.00%) | 60 |
| Child welfare system context | 5 (4.81%) | 104 | 1 (50.00%) | 2 |
| Total across all domains | 400 (2.40%) | 16,640 | 158 (49.38%) | 320 |

⁴ Data elements are defined as each state's response to a variable. For example, a variable that has responses from all states, plus Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, would have 52 data elements.

Data elements with changes between 2021 and 2023 data sets

To help data users easily identify the data elements that changed between the 2021 version 2 and 2023 version 1 data sets, Table B.2 lists all variables with changes. For each variable, the table depicts the number and name of states with changes for that variable.

Table B.2. List of variables with changes from 2021 to 2023 and the states with those changes

| Domain | Variable name | Number of states with change | Name of state |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Definition | Def_DrugAlcMisuse | 1 | Wyoming |
| Definition | Def_PrenatalExposure | 1 | Wyoming |
| Definition | Def_IllicitSubstance | 1 | Nebraska |
| Definition | Def_DV | 1 | Wyoming |
| Definition | Def_FactitiousDisorder | 1 | Oklahoma |
| Definition | Def_Other | 2 | Nebraska, Oklahoma |
| Definition | DefPerp_FamilyMember | 1 | Virginia |
| Definition | DefPerp_AnyPerson | 1 | Oregon |
| Definition | DefPerp_Other | 3 | Oklahoma, Oregon, Vermont |
| Definition | DefPerp_VaryByType | 1 | Maine |
| Definition | DefAge_Specify | 2 | Connecticut, Oregon |
| Definition | Exempt_FinancialIssues | 2 | California, Kentucky |
| Definition | Exempt_SubstanceExposed | 3 | Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio |
| Definition | Exempt_Other | 1 | Ohio |
| Definition | SafeHaven_Other | 5 | Alabama, Iowa, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia |
| Definition | FatalitiesDefine_Not | 2 | Maryland, Wyoming |
| Definition | FatalitiesDefine_Injury | 1 | Wyoming |
| Definition | FatalitiesDefine_Care | 2 | Maryland, Wyoming |
| Definition | FatalitiesReview | 1 | Vermont |
| Definition | NearFatalities_Not | 1 | Maryland |
| Definition | NearFatalities_General | 1 | Maryland |
| Definition | NearFatalities_Specific | 1 | Vermont |
| Reporting | Reporter_FosterParent | 1 | Ohio |
| Reporting | Reporter_CampStaff | 3 | District of Columbia, Minnesota, Wisconsin |
| Reporting | Reporter_Coach | 1 | Michigan |
| Reporting | Reporter_GALCASA | 1 | District of Columbia |
| Reporting | Reporter_Other | 2 | Nevada, Vermont |
| Reporting | ReporterTrainingReq | 3 | Illinois, Massachusetts, North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_FosterParent | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_TeacherSchool | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_ChildcareStaff | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_CampStaff | 1 | Wisconsin |
| | | - | |

| | | Number of states | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Domain | Variable name | with change | Name of state |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_MedicalDental | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_SUDProvider | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_MHProf | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_Police | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_OtherCourt | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_Images | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_Clergy | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterTraining_Other | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReporterPenalty_CampStaff | 2 | Minnesota, Wisconsin |
| Reporting | ReporterPenalty_Coach | 1 | Michigan |
| Reporting | ReporterPenalty_Other | 2 | Nevada, Vermont |
| Reporting | FalseReportPenalty | 1 | Alaska |
| Reporting | FalseReportPenalty_Criminal | 1 | Alaska |
| Reporting | FalseReportPenalty_Civil | 1 | Alaska |
| Reporting | FalseReportPenalty_Professional | 1 | Alaska |
| Reporting | FalseReportPenalty_Other | 1 | Alaska |
| Reporting | ReportInfo_MaltreatmentDate | 1 | North Dakota |
| Reporting | ReportInfo_Reporter | 1 | Idaho |
| Reporting | ReportInfo_Other | 1 | Georgia |
| Reporting | ReportAnonymous | 2 | Arkansas, Delaware |
| Reporting | TribalReport | 14 | Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Vermont, West Virginia |
| Reporting | SENNotificationReport_No | 2 | Washington, Wyoming |
| Reporting | SENNotificationReport_YesAll | 2 | Puerto Rico, Washington |
| Reporting | SENNotificationReport_Other | 1 | Wyoming |
| Screening | ScreenInfo_MalType | 1 | Wyoming |
| Screening | ScreenInfo_Perp | 1 | New Hampshire |
| Screening | ScreenInfo_Other | 3 | Indiana, New Hampshire, Wyoming |
| Screening | ScreenProcess_Individual | 1 | New Hampshire |
| Screening | ScreenProcess_IndividualReq | 2 | New Hampshire, North Dakota |
| Screening | ScreenReq_OtherCases | 1 | Idaho |
| Screening | ScreenRiskAssess_SDM | 3 | Arkansas, Kentucky, Puerto Rico |
| Screening | ScreenRiskAssess_Other | 3 | Arkansas, Kentucky, Puerto Rico |
| Screening | Screener_Caseworker | 2 | Kansas, Washington |
| Screening | Screener_Supervisor | 1 | Washington |
| Screening | Screener_SpecialUnit | 1 | Nevada |
| Screening | ScreenerQual_Associate | 2 | Indiana, South Dakota |
| Screening | ScreenerQual_Bachelor | 2 | Rhode Island, Wyoming |

| Domain | Variable name | Number of states with change | Name of state |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Screening | ScreenerQual Master | 2 | North Dakota, South Dakota |
| Screening | ScreenerQual_Training | 7 | Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, South Dakota, Washington |
| Screening | ScreenerQual_Experience | 9 | Arkansas, Delaware, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Wyoming |
| Screening | ScreenerQual_Other | 3 | Arkansas, Idaho, Rhode Island |
| Screening | ScreenerQual_SW | 12 | Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming |
| Screening | TribalScreen | 16 | Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Vermont, West Virginia |
| Investigation | InvestReq_HomeVisit | 2 | California, New Hampshire |
| Investigation | InvestReq_OtherChild | 2 | New Hampshire, Washington |
| Investigation | InvestReq_HomeStudy | 2 | New Hampshire, North Dakota |
| Investigation | InvestReq_MedEval | 3 | Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota |
| Investigation | InvestReq_HomeVisitCases | 2 | California, New Hampshire |
| Investigation | InvestReq_VictimCases | 1 | Nebraska |
| Investigation | InvestReq_OtherChildrenCase | 2 | New Hampshire, Washington |
| Investigation | InvestReq_RiskAssessCases | 1 | North Dakota |
| Investigation | InvestReq_HomeStudyCases | 3 | Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota |
| Investigation | InvestReq_PerpCrimCases | 1 | Oregon |
| Investigation | InvestReq_MedEvalCases | 3 | Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota |
| Investigation | InvestReq_PerpInterviewCases | 1 | New Hampshire |
| Investigation | InvestReq_ReporterCases | 1 | Nebraska |
| Investigation | InvestReq_OtherCases | 1 | Nebraska |
| Investigation | InvestStaff_Supervisor | 2 | Nebraska, Puerto Rico |
| Investigation | InvestStaff_SpecialUnit | 2 | Nevada, Washington |
| Investigation | InvestStaff_Other | 1 | Alabama |
| Investigation | InvestQual_Associate | 2 | Indiana, South Dakota |
| Investigation | InvestQual_Bachelor | 3 | Alaska, Rhode Island, Wyoming |
| Investigation | InvestQual_Master | 2 | New Hampshire, North Dakota |
| Investigation | InvestQual_Training | 3 | Montana, New Jersey, Washington |
| Investigation | InvestQual_Experience | 11 | Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Wyoming |
| Investigation | InvestQual_Other | 6 | Alaska, Arizona, District of Columbia, Idaho, Rhode Island, West Virginia |

| | | Number of states with | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Domain | Variable name | change | Name of state |
| Investigation | InvestQual_SW | 13 | Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wyoming |
| Investigation | InvestInconclusive | 3 | Indiana, Montana, Puerto Rico |
| Child Welfare response | AlternativeResponse | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityMaltreatment | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Inelig_Fatality | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Inelig_SubExposed | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Inelig_PhysicalAbuse | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Inelig_SexAbuse | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Inelig_Neglect | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Inelig_Abandoned | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Inelig_Other | 2 | Maine, Virginia |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityRiskDet | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityRiskTool | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_No | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Low | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Moderate | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Other | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_EligibilityRisk_Unknown | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Eligibility_NoOtherCases | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Eligibility_NoSafetyCon | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Eligibility_PriorReports | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Eligibility_Other | 1 | Maine |

| | | Number of states with | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Domain | Variable name | change | Name of state |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Process_AtScreening | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Process_AfterScreenIn | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_Process_Other | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_ServiceReferral_No | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_ServiceReferral_AllCases | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_ServiceReferral_Interest | 2 | Maine, New York |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_ServiceReferral_Risk | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | AltResp_ServiceReferralOther | 1 | Maine |
| Child Welfare response | InHome_PostReunification | 3 | Idaho, Missouri, Virginia |
| Child Welfare response | TribalFoster | 12 | Alabama, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, West Virginia |
| Child Welfare response | ExtendedFosterCare | 3 | Hawaii, Nebraska, Ohio |
| Child Welfare response | ExtendedFosterCare_Age | 6 | Colorado, Iowa, Maine, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota |
| Child Welfare response | KinGuardianship | 1 | Puerto Rico |
| Child Welfare response | SubGuardianship | 1 | South Carolina |
| Child Welfare response | SubKinGuardianship | 2 | Puerto Rico, South Carolina |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagement_Provider | 3 | Arizona, Mississippi, Nebraska |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagement_Tribal | 1 | lowa |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagerQual_Associate | 2 | Indiana, South Dakota |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagerQual_Bachelor | 3 | Alaska, Maryland, Wyoming |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagerQual_Master | 4 | Maryland, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagerQual_Training | 4 | Illinois, Maryland, Montana, New Jersey |

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|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Domain Child Welfare response | Variable name CaseManagerQual_Experience | change 10 | Name of state Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, New |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagerQual_Other | 5 | Jersey, West Virginia, Wyoming District of Columbia, Maryland, Rhode Island, South Carolina, West Virginia |
| Child Welfare response | CaseManagerQual_SW | 14 | Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Vermont, Wyoming |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaffRole_No | 8 | Colorado, Massachusetts, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Vermont, Washington |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaffRole_CulturalBroker | 1 | Alaska |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaffRole_Manager | 4 | Alaska, New York, Vermont, Washington |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaffRole_Other | 5 | Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Utah |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaffRole_Unknown | 2 | Montana, Puerto Rico |
| Child Welfare response | CulturalBroker_Screening | 1 | Alaska |
| Child Welfare response | CulturalBroker_Investigation | 1 | Alaska |
| Child Welfare response | CulturalBroker_CaseMgmt | 1 | Alaska |
| Child Welfare response | CulturalBroker_Other | 2 | Alaska, Hawaii |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaff_Screening | 7 | Colorado, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Vermont, Washington |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaff_Investigation | 7 | Colorado, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Vermont, Washington |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaff_CaseMgmt | 7 | Colorado, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Vermont, Washington |
| Child Welfare response | EquityStaff_Other | 8 | Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Vermont, Washington |
| Child welfare context | ConsentDecree | 5 | Connecticut, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Washington, Wisconsin |



APPENDIX C

Supplemental Notes on States



Appendix C: Supplemental Notes on States

This appendix provides data use notes for each state, highlighting important information to accurately interpret and use the data. These notes reflect two sources: (1) state contacts who provided additional information through the data verification process, and (2) SCAN Policies Database team members who reviewed state laws and policy documentation and identified information that could provide additional clarification for data users.

ALABAMA

Definitions

Alabama defines emotional maltreatment as mental abuse/neglect.

Reporting

Reporting is decentralized, and some counties have their own child abuse reporting hotline. People who wish to report suspected child abuse and neglect should call their county Department of Human Services (DHR) office or local law enforcement.

If athletic coaches and staff are school staff, they are mandated reporters.

If substance abuse treatment providers are included in the category of mental health providers, they are mandated reporters.

DHR accepts child abuse and neglect reports on children with possible Indian or Alaska Native heritage who reside off a reservation. DHR child welfare staff conduct assessments on these children. In addition, DHR must meet the immediate safety needs of Indian or Alaska Native children in the following circumstances:

- (1) Indian children are residents of or are domiciled within an Indian reservation but are temporarily located off the reservation and safety threats have been identified;
- (2) Regardless of whether a child is a ward of the Tribal court or the Tribe has exclusive jurisdiction, DHR must provide protection and meet Indian children's immediate safety needs.

Screening

The intake/screening process is used to determine investigative response time and whether the child is at risk of maltreatment, even if the report does not rise to the statutory definition of child abuse and neglect.

DHR Units and responsibilities vary across counties based on the discretion of county directors. Some county departments have intake units that accept reports.

Investigations

For assessments involving out-of-home care settings, it may be appropriate for licensing staff to assist the worker with the CA/N assessment, in some (unspecified) cases.

In addition to social service caseworkers, social workers and senior social workers investigate cases, and they might require additional qualifications such as social work licensure and a master's degree.

Any deviations from normal standards for conducting CA/N assessments must have supervisory consultation and approval.

Child welfare response

Regarding differential response, when the intake information reveals the child might be at risk of maltreatment, the information is considered a "Child Protective Services (CPS) Prevention Referral" and an evaluation of the child or family situation is required. The evaluation process is called a "CPS Prevention Assessment." For referral to CPS prevention or a differential response to occur, the information provided at the time of report does not rise to the level of child abuse or neglect according to statutory and departmental definitions or is insufficient to determine whether a child abuse or neglect report exists.

Child welfare context

The consent decree is only for safety plans.

ALASKA

Reporting

Mandatory reporters may also need to report child maltreatment to certain Tribal authorities. However, it is unclear which of the 229 federally recognized Alaskan Tribes this applies to, or which Tribes have processes to accept reports.

Screening

Mandatory reporters may also need to report child maltreatment to certain Tribal authorities. However, it is unclear which of the 229 federally recognized Alaskan Tribes this applies to, or which Tribes have processes to screen reports.

Investigations

Alaska refers to investigations as assessments.

Child welfare response

Of the 229 federally recognized Tribes in Alaska, only three exercise exclusive jurisdiction over child welfare. All 229 Tribes have the authority to provide foster care and Alaska's Office of Children's Services does not currently have information regarding which Tribes provide foster care.

Alaska has a statewide anti-discrimination and equal opportunity policy that prohibits discrimination against members of the public based on sex, race, color, national origin, and religious beliefs, which may include children, youth, and families served by the Office of Children's Services.

In-home services are provided based on determinations of whether families are in need of services rather than maltreatment substantiation.

ARIZONA

Definitions

Injurious environment includes unreasonable confinement of a child.

Female genital mutilation is not specifically defined as part of the definition of child maltreatment but is included in the definition of injury under physical and sexual abuse.

The child can receive treatment from an accredited Christian Science practitioner, or other religious or spiritual healer, as long as the child's health is not (1) at imminent risk of harm or (2) endangered by the lack of medical care.

A household member is an adult member of the child's household.

Reporting

With regard to mandated reporting, a member of the clergy, a Christian Science practitioner, or a priest who receives a confidential communication or a confession in that person's role in the course of the discipline enjoined by the church to which that person belongs, may withhold reporting of the communication or confession if the clergy member, practitioner, or priest determines that it is reasonable and necessary within the concepts of the religion. This exemption applies only to the communication or confession and not to personal observations the clergy member, practitioner, or priest may otherwise make of the minor.

Screening

The Intake Specialist collects and assesses information from the reporting source to decide how to prioritize reports. The Intake Specialist uses a standardized tool called a Hotline Report Decision Tool to determine whether the report meets the criteria and the appropriate priority of each report.

Supervisory review is required for some cases, specifically when concerns of abuse or neglect have been dispositioned as screened out at intake.

Investigations

Applicants for social work positions must have a bachelor's or master's degree or have 4 years of experience as a Department of Child and Safety (DCS) Case Aide.

An inconclusive investigation is possible under the finding, "Unable to Locate." This finding is made if the investigation cannot be completed because despite reasonable efforts, the child victim cannot be located and there is insufficient evidence to conclude that the child was abused or neglected without interviewing or observing the child.

Child welfare response

DCS has a racial disparity workgroup. The DCS 2022 Strategic Plan focuses on implementing this workgroup, partnerships with stakeholders, and connectivity to community partners.

DCS must inquire about whether the child or parent has any American Indian ancestry any time a new party or individual with information is contacted.

In placement decisions, a caregiver's ability to be supportive and affirming of a child's identity and culture will be considered in determining whether a placement is in the best interest of a child.

The DCS antidiscrimination policy was updated on January 4, 2024, to expand protections for pregnancy, childbirth or medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth, political or religious affiliation or ideas, culture, creed, social origin or condition, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ancestry, military service or veteran status, and marital status.

Child welfare context

As per B.K. vs. Faust, which was settled in February 2021, Arizona DCS must improve access to health care services (including mental health care), monitor and address caseloads of case managers, and prioritize placing children in family homes rather than group homes.

ARKANSAS

Definitions

Reviews are required for near fatalities and fatalities of children who are receiving services or who have recently received services from the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Reporting

Failure to notify by a mandated reporter does not apply to a person who is both a mandated reporter and victim of any of the following committed by the same offender whom the person observed subjecting a child to abuse, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation: (1) domestic abuse, (2) an offense involving physical injury, the threat or risk of physical injury, or apprehension of imminent physical injury, or (3) a sex offense.

Clergy members are not required to report when they (1) have acquired knowledge of suspected child maltreatment through communications required to be kept confidential pursuant to the religious discipline of the relevant denomination or faith, or (2) received the knowledge of the suspected child maltreatment from the alleged offender in the context of a statement of admission.

Volunteer includes the following:

- (1) Domestic violence shelter volunteer,
- (2) A person who is at least 21 years of age and volunteers in a public school or private school,
- (3) Sexual abuse volunteer who works with a victim of sexual abuse as an employee of a community-based victim service or mental health agency,
- (4) Rape crisis volunteer,
- (5) Child abuse volunteer who works with a child victim of abuse or maltreatment as an employee of a community-based victim service or a mental health agency,
- (6) Victim assistance volunteer, and
- (7) Reproductive healthcare facility volunteer.

Screening

After screening in report, the Child Abuse Hotline Unit determines the appropriate investigating agency (Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) or DCFS) or whether a referral to the DCFS Prevention and Reunification Unit is needed.

DCFS Prevention and Reunification Unit conducts secondary reviews of hotline reports that do not contain reporter information or collateral information required in policy

Investigations

DCFS is responsible for ensuring the health and safety of children in Arkansas, and the Arkansas State Police CACD collaborates with DCFS to conduct investigations of child maltreatment allegations.

The investigator has the right to obtain a criminal background check, including a fingerprint-based check in any national crime database, on any subject of the report.

Child welfare response

The following are specific types of cases that are ineligible for differential response:

- Inadequate supervision reports involving a child younger than age 5, or a child age 5 or older with a physical or mental disability that limits the child's skills in the areas of communication, self-care, self-direction, and safety;
- (2) Educational neglect reports involving a child who was never enrolled in an educational program;
- (3) Environmental neglect reports involving a child younger than age 3, and those situations in which the hotline assesses an immediate danger to the child's health or physical well-being based on the severity;
- (4) Lock out reports involving a child younger than age 10 and those situations in which the hotline assesses an immediate danger to the child's health or physical well-being based on the severity;
- (5) Medical neglect reports involving a child younger than age 13 or a child with a severe medical condition that could become serious enough to cause long-term harm to the child if untreated will be assigned to the investigative pathway;
- (6) Reports of human bites, sprains or dislocations, striking a child age 7 or older on the face, striking a child with a closed fist, and throwing a child when these allegations occurred less than one year ago or if the caller to the hotline can verify an injury either through physical signs (for example, scarring), medical information, dated photographs, etc.

There are no federally or state-recognized Tribes in Arkansas. Cherokee Nation operates open resource homes in the state.

CALIFORNIA

Definitions

Although the child welfare agency does not consider having a child present within a structure where methamphetamine is being created (drug lab) to be child abuse or neglect, it is punishable under the penal code.

Each county is responsible for determining whether domestic violence is considered child abuse. Exposure to domestic abuse is a factor and would prompt an in-person investigation, but this is not specifically included in the definition of maltreatment.

Educational neglect is not specifically included in the definition of maltreatment.

Reporting

For Tribal reporting, child welfare policy varies by county, and Tribes are not represented in all counties.

Screening

The state's practice is to gather more information than listed in statute and to consider additional factors to screen in a report.

Not all screening staff are required to have a master's degree. The qualifications are as follows: 50 percent of staff providing emergency response services and 50 percent of staff providing family maintenance services must possess a master's degree in social work, or its equivalent in education or work experience, as certified by the State Personnel Board or a county civil service board. One hundred percent of supervisors must possess an M.S.W. The remaining emergency response and family maintenance services staff may have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in education or work experience, as certified by the State Personnel Board or a county civil service board.

While Tribes are not involved in screening processes at the state level, California encourages counties to contact the Tribe during the screening process and engage them in a collateral context. The Tribe may have information that could factor into the outcome of the screening.

Investigations

Safety assessment is required for all cases; risk assessment is required for substantive and inconclusive investigations and is only recommended for unfounded investigations.

Not all investigation staff are required to have a master's degree. The qualifications are as follows: 50 percent of staff providing emergency response services and 50 percent of staff providing family maintenance services must possess a master's degree in social work, or its equivalent in education or work experience; 100 percent of supervisors must possess an M.S.W.; and the remaining percentage of staff may have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in education or work experience.

Child welfare response

There are three response tracks with different standards based on level of risk: low (community response), low to moderate (child welfare services and agency partners response), and moderate to high (child welfare services response).

Not all foster care case managers are required to have a master's degree. The qualifications are as follows: 50 percent of staff providing emergency response services and 50 percent of staff providing family maintenance services must possess a master's degree in social work, or its equivalent in education or work experience as certified by the State Personnel Board or a county civil service board; 100 percent of supervisors must possess an M.S.W.; and the remaining percentage of staff may have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in education or work experience as certified by the State Personnel Board or a county civil service board.

State ICWA only applies to federally recognized Tribes. However, in a dependency hearing involving a child who would otherwise be an Indian child but is not an Indian child based on the status of the child's Tribe, the court may permit the Tribe from which the child is descended to participate in the proceeding upon request of the Tribe.

COLORADO

Definitions

The definition of 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.

Prenatal exposure to a controlled substance as a type of maltreatment is defined by children born affected by alcohol or substance exposure, except when taken as prescribed or recommended and monitored by a licensed healthcare provider, and the newborn child's health or welfare is threatened by substance use.

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 is considered to have been neglected or dependent and injured or endangered. The religious observance exemption for the classification of child maltreatment does not apply if the child's condition is determined to be life-threatening or could result in serious physical impairment or serious disability without professional medical care. The county department must seek a court order authorizing the provision of the necessary medical care if the parent, guardian, or legal custodian refuses such care.

Reporting

For substance-exposed newborns (SENs), substance abuse is expected to be reported when it meets the definition of child abuse or neglect: Any case in which a child is born affected by alcohol or substance exposure, except when taken as prescribed or recommended and monitored by a licensed health care provider, and the newborn child's health or welfare is threatened by substance use.

Screening

No information is required when screening in a report, but certain information is requested, including the following:

- (1) The reporting party's name, address, phone number, reporter type, and relationship to the alleged child victim:
- (2) The alleged victim's name, address, current location, school or childcare, age, any developmental delays, physical disabilities, 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, 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.

Staff in specialized screening units are involved in screening through Review, Evaluate and Direct (RED) Teams. Some referrals are required to go to RED Teams but there are no specific requirements for who must participate in RED Teams. Many counties in Colorado have RED Teams made up of only social caseworkers and supervisors, but some counties may also have case aides or other program staff join the RED Team. All RED Team screening decisions must be approved by a social caseworker supervisor.

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 lowand moderate-risk situations where no finding of abuse 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 child victim(s) are identified and a finding of abuse or neglect is made.

As of February 2024, 76 percent of counties in Colorado utilize a differential response system and another 22 percent are in the process of implementing one.

As Colorado is a state-supervised, county-administered child welfare system, counties may have EDI roles/functions involved in child welfare processes, but there are no specific roles at the state level.

CONNECTICUT

Definitions

Treatment of any child by an accredited Christian Science practitioner in lieu of treatment by a licensed medical professional does not itself constitute neglect or maltreatment.

For the definition of perpetrator, Connecticut defines three categories:

- (1) Person responsible for a child's health, welfare or care means the child's parents, guardian, foster parent, an employee of a public or private residential home, agency or institution or other person legally responsible under state law for the child's welfare in a residential setting; or any staff person providing out-of-home care, including center-based child day care, family day care, or group day care;
- (2) Person given access to a child is a person who is permitted to have personal interaction with a child by the person responsible for the child's health, welfare or care or by a person entrusted with the care of a child:
- (3) Person entrusted with the care of a child is a person who is given access to a child by a person responsible for the health, welfare or care of a child for the purpose of providing education, child care, counseling, spiritual tutoring or mentoring.

Reporting

Training is available to all mandated reporters but is not required for all mandated reporters.

Any person who knowingly makes a false report of child abuse or neglect pursuant shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

Mandated reporters must provide their name to the Careline when reporting but can choose to be "anonymous" to the alleged perpetrator/parents.

Screening

For the screening process, a supervisory review is needed for exceptional circumstances, which may be a critical incident or significant event. Critical incidents are factors of suspected abuse or neglect that involve but are not limited to a child who:

- (1) Has died,
- (2) Is in the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and has been abducted,
- (3) Has sustained a serious injury during a restraint or seclusion episode at a DCF-operated or licensed facility,

- (4) Has been hospitalized with a life-threatening condition,
- (5) Has broken bones, serious burns that require immediate medical attention, or sentinel injuries (such as, bruising, oral injury, etc.) and is age 5 or younger,
- (6) Has a serious head injury that requires immediate medical attention,
- (7) Has internal organ injuries,
- (8) Is in the care and custody of DCF and has been sexually assaulted by an adult,
- (9) Is in the care and custody of DCF and has run away and presents an imminent danger to self or the community (for example, child is younger than 13, has a medical condition, has a cognitive disability, etc.),
- (10) Is a victim of domestic or international human trafficking or sexual exploitation with allegation(s) against a caregiver or entrusted person,
- (11) Is a participant in an event related to a DCF client that is likely to result in media coverage,
- (12) Is a Safe Haven infant, or
- (13) Is a participant in a report that involves the death of a parent or caregiver.

Significant events are circumstances that pertain to a child with involvement in DCF that involve but are not limited to:

- (1) A suicide attempt (a non-fatal, self-directed, potentially injurious behavior with an intent to die as a result of the behavior; might not result in injury),
- (2) An incident involving one or more children who have run away or are AWOL from a DCF or other operated or licensed entity,
- (3) A significant disturbance involving children at a congregate care facility or licensed entity,
- (4) Any call for emergency service,
- (5) An allegation of a serious crime by an adult DCF has authorized to be responsible for the care of a child (including a DCF employee, licensed foster or adoptive parent, an employee of a DCF-contracted or credentialed provider, or a congregate care facility at which DCFinvolved children reside),
- (6) An arrest of any child or youth in an open DCF case, or
- (7) Death of a parent or caregiver in an open DCF case.

DELAWARE

Definitions

License-exempt childcare facilities (preschools, schools, hospitals or church-operated babysitting/Sunday schools) are not included under institutional abuse and neglect, and reporters are referred to the police.

"Serious injury" is a non-accidental injury that (1) appears to have an assignable cause originating with the parent or caretaker and requires hospitalization and (2) includes lifethreatening neglect requiring hospitalization.

"Serious physical injury" means physical injury that creates a risk of death, or that causes disfigurement, impairment of health, or loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ or limb, or that causes the unlawful termination of a pregnancy without the consent of the pregnant person.

Reporting

Although Delaware's Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families does not mandate training for mandated reporters, each agency or entity may set its own training requirements. While not required for mandated reporters, ongoing training programs are conducted.

In Delaware, all adults are considered mandated reporters. Professionals must disclose their names when reporting suspected child abuse or neglect. However, individuals who are not professionals can report suspected child abuse or neglect anonymously.

Screening

Information required to screen in reports detailed in this section refers to familial abuse reports only.

While intake staff screen all reports of alleged abuse and neglect, child welfare administration staff (e.g., the Red Team) also conduct a secondary screening of these reports screened as Risk of Abuse or Risk of Neglect.

Investigations

Delaware's Children Advocacy Centers staff are involved in investigations of sexual and serious physical abuse and neglect. Delaware's Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC) investigates deaths or near deaths from abuse or neglect. Delaware's Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families' Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU) investigates allegations of physical and sexual abuse or neglect in out-of-home settings.

Investigations may result in one of four outcomes: substantiated, unsubstantiated, unsubstantiated with concern, or no evidence to substantiate.

Child welfare response

Extended jurisdiction may continue until the youth attains 21 years of age. Notwithstanding extended jurisdiction, the youth shall attain the age of majority at age 18, and Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families custody shall terminate at that time by operation of law.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Reporting

Mandatory reporting laws do not apply to counselors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault while acting in their capacity as counselors.

While there is not a universal requirement for all adults to report child abuse, there is a universal requirement for all adults to report child sexual abuse.

Child welfare response

The District of Columbia has an Administrative Issuance: CFSA-13-02 about procedures that the District of Columbia as a whole, including the Court, the Assistant Attorney General, and Child and Family Services Agency, must take to maintain compliance with ICWA.

In-home services are provided for up to 90 days post reunification.

FLORIDA

No notes.

GEORGIA

Reporting

The Georgia Code does not require mandated reporter training, but many child service agencies do, including the Division of Children & Families, for staff. DCFS provides web-based training for mandated reporters. If a mandated reporter wants to make a web-based report, then training is required to get an access code.

Child welfare response

Cases of neglect are not eligible for differential or alternative responses in the state if the neglect is chronic or severe including failure to thrive, malnourishment, severely underweight, starvation, confinement, life-threatening living environment, withholding medically indicated treatment or other circumstances which may significantly impair child health, well-being or functioning.

Other factors not eligible for differential response include: When a new report is received on an active case: Investigation, Family Preservation, or Foster Care or Adoption; Unaccompanied homeless youth; When the family cannot be located, moved to an unknown location, or contact cannot be established with an essential family/household member.

HAWAII

Definitions

Hawaii specifies any adult as part of the state's definition of child maltreatment, but only for trafficking cases.

Reporting

Any person who is not otherwise required to report, and who becomes aware of facts or circumstances that cause that person to have reason to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred, or that a substantial risk exists that child abuse or neglect could occur in the reasonably foreseeable future, may immediately report the matter orally to the department or to the police department.

Screening

Specialized experience for screeners includes progressively responsible professional work experience which involves helping individuals and their families find satisfactory ways of identifying their problems, coping with their conditions, and functioning effectively within their environments. Protective services experience includes professional social or human service work which primarily involved conducting investigations to identify and confirm cases of child ordependent adult abuse orneglect, and developing and implementing primary treatment plans, including termination of parental rights as necessary. "Excess protective services experience" is not defined in state documents.

Investigations

Police determine whether child maltreatment investigations lead to criminal penalties, depending on the case.

Specialized experience for investigators includes progressively responsible professional work experience which involves helping individuals and their families find satisfactory ways of identifying their problems, coping with their conditions, and functioning effectively within their environments. Protective services experience includes professional social or human service work which primarily involved conducting investigations to identify and confirm cases of child ordependent adult abuse orneglect, and developing and implementing primary treatment plans, including termination of parental rights as necessary. "Excess protective services experience"is not defined in state documents.

Child welfare response

Young adults with medical conditions can continue to receive extended foster care services, including board payment, until age 21 without case management and court involvement.

IDAHO

Definitions

Female genital mutilation is considered physical abuse although it is not explicitly defined in statute.

Reporting

Duly ordinated ministers of religion may not be required to report abuse. abandonment, or neglect if the church is a tax-exempt organization, the information was shared directly with the minister, and the information was shared in a manner that places the minister at a level of confidentiality that is considered inviolate by canon law or church doctrine.

Investigations

The prosecuting attorney in each county shall be responsible for the development of an interagency multidisciplinary team or teams for investigations of child abuse and neglect referrals within each county. The teams shall consist of, but not be limited to, law enforcement personnel, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) child protection risk assessment staff, child advocacy center staff where such staff is available in the county, a representative of the

prosecuting attorney's office, and any other person deemed to be necessary due to his or her special training in child abuse investigation. Multidisciplinary teams collaborate with the Idaho DHW staff who maintain the primary responsibility and duty to perform child protection investigations.

Child welfare response

In 2024, a new law was passed in Idaho to allow organizations to decline to provide adoption or foster care services based on sincerely held religious beliefs.

ILLINOIS

Definitions

Definitions of child maltreatment include 'child' and 'adult resident,' where a 'child' is a person under 18 who has not legally emancipated, and an 'adult resident' is any person between 18-22 years and residing in a Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) licensed facility.

Reporting

The state has a centralized statewide hotline but asks that reporters submit a report online through an online reporting system on the DCFS website for non-emergencies.

In April 2024, the U.S. Department of the Interior placed portions of Shab-eh-nay Reservation land, which is located in DeKalb County, into trust for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The Tribal Nation has sovereignty over the land.

Screening

The following additional information may be requested to screen a report:

- (1) Demographics of the family, including whether there is a noncustodial parent,
- (2) Identity of those who reside in the home and their relationship to the child victim,
- (3) Whether the alleged perpetrator is in a caretaker role,
- (4) The location, residence, and contact information of other subjects or involved parties who do not reside in the home,
- (5) The reporter's basis for reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused or neglected,
- (6) Any information about substance use or misuse in the child's home,
- (7) Any information about a history of domestic violence,
- (8) Whether any report subjects have a history of involvement with law enforcement,
- (9) Reporter information, when the reporter is mandated or non-mandated and willing to provide such information,
- (10) Any knowledge the reporter has about a current risk of harm to the child,
- (11) All identified safety issues known to the reporter,

- (12) Any knowledge the reporter has about potential danger or threat to Child Protection staff,
- (13) Any knowledge the reporter has about the mental, emotional, and physical condition of the alleged perpetrator,
- (14) Any knowledge the reporter has about the mental and physical condition of the alleged child victim(s),
- (15) Any information the reporter has about the communication needs of the child, family, or alleged perpetrator, and the subject's preferred language or method of communication,
- (16) Whether any subject of the report has a Native American Tribal affiliation, and
- (17) The identity and location of possible witnesses to, or people with information about, the alleged abuse or neglect.

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Child welfare response

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INDIANA

Definitions

Indiana does not have explicit definitions of child abuse or neglect in state statutes or policy. Instead, the state defines abuse and neglect in terms of "child in need of services," which can encompass a variety of types of need. For purposes of this database, we coded all those cases where a child "in need of services" is mentioned in the statutes as though it is included in the definition of child abuse or neglect.

Although not explicitly listed as an example of maltreatment, factitious disorder by proxy falls under the caregiver impairment definition of the Structured Decision Making (SDM) tool.

Reporting

If they are employed by a school, before and after-school program staff must complete mandated report training.

The court, not the Department of Child Services, requires court-appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem to have completed a court-approved training program that includes training on how to identify and treat child abuse and neglect.

Screening

Supervisory review is required for all reviews aside from immediate requests (e.g. law enforcement call-ins).

Investigations

Indiana refers to investigations as assessments.

Child welfare response

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians maintains sovereign (self-governing) land within St. Joseph County, South Bend, Indiana. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians has jurisdiction over any incident which occurs on this land.

IOWA

Definitions

Medical neglect includes failure to provide treatment to cure or alleviate serious mental illness or disorder.

Denial of Critical Care (DCC) is the state's term for neglect and means the failure on the part of a person responsible for the care of a child to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical or mental health treatment, supervision, or other care necessary for the child's health and welfare when financially able to do so, or when offered financial or other reasonable means to do so. DCC includes gross failure to meet the emotional needs of the child. Iowa's Supreme Court recognized that "[t]he law clearly gives parents who are so inclined the right to inflict reasonable corporal punishment in connection with the rearing of their children." While Iowa does not have Factitious Disorder by proxy as a specific category of abuse, such allegations would be assessed as DCC or potential Physical Abuse or Physical Abuse by Omission, depending on the details.

While Iowa doesn't have a specific category for institutional abuse/neglect, such allegations would be assessed under the most appropriate category/categories of abuse.

"Person responsible for the care of a child" means a parent, guardian or foster parent; a relative or any other person with whom the child resides and who assumes care or supervision of the child, without reference to the length of time or continuity of such residence; and an employee or agent of any public or private facility providing care for a child, including an institution, hospital, health care facility, group home, mental health center, residential treatment center, shelter care facility, detention center, or child care facility.

Reporting

Clergy members are not considered mandatory reporters unless they are functioning as social workers, counselors, or in another role described as a mandatory reporter.

Screening

An alleged perpetrator can be unknown, but information on how the unknown perpetrator could be considered a caretaker is necessary.

The following information is requested but not required to screen in a report:

- (1) Name and address of parents,
- (2) Child's present whereabouts,

- (3) Evidence of previous injury,
- (4) Names, ages, and condition of other children in household,
- (5) Name and address of person making the report,
- (6) How reporter knows this information,
- (7) History of abuse concerns,
- (8) Domestic violence,
- (9) Substance abuse,
- (10) Language barriers or disabilities, and
- (11) Presence of vicious animals, weapons, or illegal activity.

Reports are screened by centralized intake staff consisting of intake officers and supervisory staff.

Investigations

Law enforcement are not investigators for reports but will work collaboratively with child protection staff.

Child welfare response

Cases eligible for differential or alternative response require no prior reports of child abuse or neglect or few prior reports of abuse or neglect depending on the disposition of and the length of time since the most recently founded report of child abuse or neglect.

An intake screening tool is used during the screening process to determine whether the case is eligible for differential response, which includes several considerations but not a risk determination.

Abandonment of an infant would be eligible for differential response if the only allegation was denial of critical care.

KANSAS

Definitions

Using the information in the report of child maltreatment, the agency uses existing categories of assignment to establish whether the child was affected emotionally or physically or lacking supervision, and those cases would be assigned as emotional abuse, physical abuse, or lack of supervision.

Inadequate clothing or hygiene is considered maltreatment "to the extent the child's daily activities are adversely impacted or there are medical consequences (for example, sores, infection, physical illness, serious harm, hypothermia, or frostbite)."

For child maltreatment exemptions for infants testing positive for controlled substances, Kansas would not assign cases for maltreatment solely due to the infant testing positive. If services are

indicated, Kansas might assign for the state's Family in Need of Assessment. Kansas will assign for maltreatment only if a medical professional determines the infant has been affected by the prenatal substance use.

For mental, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, the state considers any person to be a perpetrator.

Reporting

Kansas differentiates between substance-exposed infants and substance-affected infants. Responses are inclusive of substance-exposed and substance-affected. If a newborn meets the state's definition of substance-affected, the notification would be reported and screened as a typical report. A substance-exposed infant is not assigned for child maltreatment (child abuse or neglect). If there are no concerns about abuse or neglect and the family is not in need of services, then a report is not required.

Regarding the state accepting risk-only reports, the state may assign these reports for a Family in Need of Assessment, but they are not assigned for child maltreatment.

Screening

Two types of staff receive reports: Intake Protection Specialist (IPS) and Protection Specialist (PS). Supervisors can override screening decisions if there are exceptional circumstances that warrant a different screening decision. Supervisors are only involved in the screening process when they override an initial assessment.

Investigations

A Child Protective Investigator is a role dedicated to conducting child protection investigations, working in conjunction with the supervisor and child protection specialist.

Child welfare response

The state uses the term "permanent custodianship" instead of "guardianship."

KENTUCKY

Definitions

Giving birth to a substance-exposed infant is not itself considered maltreatment. When newborns have a positive toxicology finding, an evaluation is conducted to determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred and an investigation is warranted.

Screening

Kentucky has instituted a statewide central intake process, wherein intake staff housed in each region may receive and assign reports to other regions.

LOUISIANA

Definitions

Coerced abortion is defined as the use of force, intimidation, threat of force, threat of deprivation of food and shelter, or the deprivation of food and shelter by a parent or any other person to compel a female child to undergo an abortion against her will.

The following situations are considered non-reports that do not meet the criteria of a report of child abuse orneglect:

- (1) Reports alleging that a family is about to be evicted without other allegations of abuse or neglect;
- (2) Parental failure to provide orthodontia for cosmetic purposes or immunizations except when the failure may be life-threatening due to the child's medical condition;
- (3) Sexual activity between unrelated minors when the youngest child is 13 years or older and parents/caregivers are not aware of or are not permitting the activity;
- (4) Lack of supervision on the basis of a single accidental occurrence or injury (e.g., accidental poison or medication ingestion, fall, or other accidental injury), unless there are additional indicators or allegations of abuse or neglect;
- (5) A newborn experiencing harm, withdrawal or a positive toxicology screen for methadone when the methadone was prescribed to the mother for substance abuse treatment with no other allegations or indications of abuse or neglect.

Lastly, reports of parent's or caretaker's failure to pay for elementary school lunches should be determined to be a "not accepted report" in the following circumstances: (1) There is no allegation or information that the child is receiving insufficient food at home and (2) There are no other indications of abuse or neglect; and, the only information is that the parent has failed to pay for school lunches.

Reporting

If a newborn exhibits withdrawal symptoms that are believed to be due to the mother's use of a controlled dangerous substance in a lawfully prescribed manner, without suspicion of prenatal neglect, the physician must submit a Physician Notification Form. A Physician Notification Form is the mechanism to notify the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) of a newborn who exhibits symptoms of withdrawal, or other observable and harmful effects in the child's physical appearance or functioning, that a physician believes are due to the use of controlled dangerous substance, in a lawfully prescribed manner by the mother during pregnancy. This notification does not constitute a report of child abuse or prenatal neglect, nor does it require prosecution for any illegal action.

Investigations

Child Protective Services (CPS) must inform the appropriate Tribe if a child is deemed to be a Tribal child. Tribal agencies can be involved in the investigation process and take over it completely, if desired, or co-investigate with CPS.

Child welfare response

Tribes can provide foster care placements on Tribal cases, but this has not yet occurred.

MAINE

Definitions

Excessive corporal punishment and female genital mutilation are not specifically listed under definitions of maltreatment, but based on the physical injuries, they could fall into the physical abuse category.

Drug or alcohol misuse is not specifically listed under definitions of maltreatment, but if parental alcohol or substance use results in neglect, physical abuse, or harm to a child, this type of maltreatment would be substantiated or indicated.

Injurious environment is not specifically listed under definitions of maltreatment; however, the state considers inadequate shelter, which is included in the definition, an unsafe living environment or conditions.

Child death and serious injury reviews are conducted for the following: death or serious injury or condition resulting from shaken baby syndrome or abusive head trauma, any injury to a child younger than 6 months of age, skull fracture(s), subdural hematoma(s), multiple fractures, severe beating resulting in extensive welts or contusions, any injury resulting from Munchausen syndrome by proxy, non-organic failure to thrive, drowning, other significant injuries or questionable cause of death, and other cases at the discretion of the EMT.

Reporting

Substance use disorder treatment providers and shelter staff are not considered mandated reporters unless they also fall into another category that is mandated to report, such as medical professionals or social services professionals.

All mandated reporters must receive training at least once every four years.

Professional licensure may be suspended or revoked as a result of false reporting or failure to report, at the discretion of the appropriate licensing board.

Medical professionals, hospitals and hospital staff, school personnel, and law enforcement personnel can report non-emergency information related to child abuse and/or neglect online/electronically using the Katahdin Child Welfare System.

Screening

Staff who screen cases can be fully licensed or receive conditional licensure based on their qualifications. Some screening staff may have a master's degree, but it is not required.

Investigations

Case workers and supervisors must complete the Assignment Activity Tool before going into the field to conduct interviews or initiating investigation activities unless extenuating circumstances are present (e.g. after hours and weekend emergency coverage, emergency calls while in the field, reports that require an immediate response).

Investigations may result in one of three determinations: unsubstantiated, indicated (low to moderate severity of abuse or neglect), or substantiated (high severity of abuse or neglect).

Staff who conduct investigations can be fully licensed or receive conditional licensure based on their qualifications. Some investigators may have a master's degree, but it is not required.

Child welfare response

Staff who provide foster care case management can be fully licensed or receive conditional licensure based on their qualifications. Some case managers may have a master's degree, but it is not required.

Although in-home services are not provided for unsubstantiated cases or post reunification, families may be connected to community-based services.

MARYLAND

Definitions

While Maryland's definition of child maltreatment does not include female genital mutilation, the state would consider it as either neglect (if the parent allowed it to occur) or physical abuse (if the parent performed the mutilation).

Reporting

Substance Exposed Newborns (SENs) notifications must meet the SEN definition and structured decision-making qualifier to screen in a report as a SEN Risk of Harm service case. All SEN Risk of Harm service cases are assigned as:

- (1) Primary Program Assignment: In-Home Services
- (2) Sub-Program Assignment: Services to Families with Children Intake (SFC-I) for the assessment

State statute notes a report made to the local department for SEN does not create a presumption that a child has been or will be abused or neglected. However, the state policy on substance-exposed newborns states that at any time during a SEN assessment when circumstances indicate the newborn or any other child associated with the case is in serious, immediate danger and continued placement in the home is contrary to the welfare and safety of the child, the Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) will consider whether the circumstances warrant taking the child into custody and petitioning the court for shelter care. After the LDSS determines petitioning the court for shelter care is warranted (or any time when the worker has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect), a maltreatment report must be made to Child Protective Services screening documenting the circumstances.

The Department of Human Services does not require training for mandated reporters; however, individual employers and governing bodies may require training regularly. For instance, each local public school system requires staff to be trained yearly.

Screening

The Child, Juvenile and Adult Management Services (CJAMS) is Maryland's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).

Except for the very small jurisdictions, most local departments have a specialized unit to conduct screening activities.

"Trained staff or trained screener" is defined as those staff who have the technical skills and knowledge to receive reports/information and make a recommendation to the supervisor for appropriate resolution. Trained staff, generally classified as Family Services Caseworker, Family Services Case Work Specialist, Social Worker, or their supervisors, are required to participate in ongoing child welfare services training.

Investigations

A report screened in as an investigative response can be changed to an alternative response if the worker determines during the course of the response that the case meets the criteria for an alternative response. A report screened in as an alternative response can be changed to an investigative response if the worker determines during the assessment that the case meets the criteria for an investigative response.

The state has a Child Advocacy Center where professionals from different disciplines (social workers, local law enforcement investigators, medical and mental health professionals, prosecutors, and victim advocates) work together as a team to respond to reports of child sexual abuse.

Child welfare response

For cases not eligible for alternative response, the LDSS must consider whether it has other information leading to a conclusion that an alternative response would not be the most appropriate intervention to meet the needs of the family or to ensure the safety of children. The supervisor considers the following factors in making this determination, although the mere presence of one of the factors does not rule out assignment to alternative response:

- (1) History of a family's inability or refusal to participate in an alternative response assessment, including those situations where a family refuses the worker access to a child; family refuses to discuss allegations; family refuses to cooperate, and risk and safety are a concern; or family rejects the services necessary to address immediate safety issues for the child;
- (2) Multiple similar reports (within 2 years);
- (3) Allegations that the individual suspected of abuse or neglect is responsible for domestic violence currently occurring in the home;
- (4) Criminal history bearing on child safety;
- (5) A current expressed threat of serious harm to child;
- (6) A need for law enforcement for worker's or child safety. Involving law enforcement to conduct a joint response or to address environmental threats that are not specific to the child or family does not preclude the department from providing an alternative response;

(7) A court has ordered an investigation.

The following reports of suspected abuse or neglect may not be assigned for an alternative response:

- (1) Occurring in an out-of-home placement;
- (2) Resulting in serious physical or mental injury;
- (3) If, in the previous 3 years, the individual suspected of abuse or neglect has been identified as responsible for abuse or neglect as documented in the records of the local department;
- (4) If the individual suspected of abuse or neglect has had one report assigned for an alternative response within the past 12 months or two reports assigned for an alternative response within the past 24 months.

Child welfare context

Maryland's consent decree only applies to out-of-home placement in one jurisdiction, Baltimore City.

MASSACHUSETTS

Definitions

Massachusetts' definition for child maltreatment is extremely broad, which includes the non-accidental commission of any act by a caregiver which causes or creates a substantial risk of physical or emotional injury or sexual abuse to a child." Massachusetts interprets its broad definition to include injurious environment, exposure to a drug lab, drug or alcohol misuse, illicit substance, female genital mutilation, failure to protect, domestic violence, and factitious disorder by proxy, although not explicitly stated in the definition of child maltreatment.

Massachusetts includes "serious bodily injury" in its definition of child maltreatment which means "bodily injury which involves a substantial risk of death, extreme physical pain, protracted and obvious disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ or mental faculty." Massachusetts interprets female genital mutilation to be included under such definition. Female genital mutilation is a crime under Mass. General Laws, 265, §60.

Massachusetts interprets individuals responsible for the child to include family members, parents, stepparents, and paramours.

While the state's definition does not provide an explicit exemption for physical discipline, this is covered by case law. Cobble v. Comm'r of Dep't. of Soc. Servs., 430 Mass. 385, 395 (1999) finding clear line "between permissible physical discipline and prohibited abuse." In this case, the court found that evidence did not support the conclusion that the plaintiff's discipline of the child amounted to physical injury or abuse.

Reporting

Massachusetts's definition for a mandated reporter is broad and includes "(ii) a public or private school teacher, educational administrator, guidance or family counselor, child care worker, person paid to care for or work with a child in any public or private facility, or home or program

funded by the commonwealth or licensed under chapter 15D that provides child care or residential services to children or that provides the services of child care resource and referral agencies, voucher management agencies or family child care systems or child care food programs, licensor of the department of early education and care or school attendance officer." Massachusetts interprets its broad definition to include school teachers, camp counselors, directors, administrators, and athletic coaches or staff, although not explicitly stated in the definition of child maltreatment.

Screening

Identity of the alleged perpetrator is not needed for cases of sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

All screeners are licensed social workers.

Child welfare response

Massachusetts provides referrals to community support services for all cases, regardless of whether they are supported, unsupported or cases that are marked substantiated concern (the differential response).

If a young adult's extended foster care services are reduced or terminated, they may request a fair hearing up to 22 years of age. Services shall continue pending the outcome.

MICHIGAN

Definitions

Concerns about providing illegal substances to a child require an assessment of impact to the child. This is not classified under a specific type of maltreatment, although if enough evidence exists, the state would likely consider it improper supervision neglect.

Allowing a child to be exposed to or have contact with methamphetamine production is a "central registry case," which is explicitly a cause for reaching a finding by statute and policy.

Female genital mutilation is not explicitly covered in law or policy. A complaint of female genital mutilation would be investigated, and the state would likely consider it improper supervision neglect..

Shaken baby syndrome or abusive head trauma is not explicitly in policy, although brain damage is included in policy as physical abuse.

Domestic violence may be assigned as improper supervision neglect, neglect, failure to protect, or even abuse, depending on the conditions of the situation.

Screening

Providing the child's name and perpetrator's name are preferred, but not required to screen in a report. However, the perpetrator must be a person who is responsible for the child.

Investigations

During the investigation, if it is difficult to contact other children who live in the home, a collateral contact can verify the children's well-being.

Child welfare response

Kinship guardianship is called "relative/unrelated caregiver care."

Community services are only provided (referred or recommended) for unsubstantiated cases depending on the concern and commensurate with the risk. These are not always in-home services and are not provided by Child Protective Services.

MINNESOTA

Reporting

Other school support staff are mandatory reporters, and the state considers school bus drivers in this category, although not specified in statestatute or policy.

Other than the four Tribes specified as accepting reports, additional Tribes in Minnesota may accept reports depending on their infrastructure and Tribal policies.

Screening

Team-based review is recommended but not required for certain cases. In the absence of a team, child protection supervisor or designee (person with knowledge and expertise of Minnesota Child Maltreatment Intake and Screening Guidelines) must confirm screening decisions.

The use of staff in specialized screening units to screen reports of child abuse and neglect vary by county staffing compositions due to Minnesota's state-supervised, county-administered child welfare system.

Investigations

Investigations of reports by case workers, case managers, and staff in a specialized investigations unit vary by each county agency staffing composition, due to Minnesota's state-supervised, county-administered child welfare system.

Child welfare response

When determining eligibility for differential response, both statutory and discretionary reasons are considered. Factors to consider when receiving and screening in a report on a family who has had a previous or current child protection assessment, investigation, or case management include the following:

- (1) Level of cooperation, such as follow-through on appointments and other agreed-on action steps in safety planning,
- (2) Willingness to change as demonstrated by observable and meaningful changes in parental behavior.
- (3) Ability of parent(s) to ensure the child's safety and provide for the needs of a child,

(4) Level of involvement on the part of parent(s) or caregiver(s) in services during an ongoing child protection case, or previous case involvement, and

(5) Whether there is court involvement or permanency being sought in an open case management situation.

In-home services are provided for unsubstantiated cases to address the needs to maintain intact families but are implemented in specific counties or regions only. Some agencies have a child welfare program, some have the Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP), and some have no services.

Private social services agencies do not have foster care case management responsibilities under a state agreement, but county social service agencies may enter into contracts with agencies for case management service.

MISSISSIPPI

Definitions

Inadequate food, clothing, and shelter are included in the criminal code as felony child abuse. Those are defined as the deprivation of necessary clothing and shelter and when a child is starved of nourishments needed to sustain life and growth intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly.

Abandonment is defined only in the public welfare administrative code as it pertains to a foster care placement program and termination of parental rights.

Youth under age 18 who are married or are on active duty for a branch of the armed services are not considered children.

"Reasonable" corporal punishment is exempt from the state's definition of maltreatment, except in cases where such punishment consists of acts that are defined as child abuse in the criminal code.

Near-fatality must be medically diagnosed.

Reporting

The state notes that any person having reasonable cause to suspect maltreatment must make a report, but also specifies 'professional mandated reporters.' Professional mandated reporters include but are not limited to:

- (1) Any attorney,
- (2) Physician,
- (3) Dentist,
- (4) Intern,
- (5) Resident,
- (6) Nurse,
- (7) Psychologist,

- (8) Social worker.
- (9) Family protection worker,
- (10) Family protection specialist,
- (11) Child caregiver,
- (12) Minister,
- (13) Law enforcement officer,
- (14) Public or private school employee, or
- (15) Any other professional who becomes aware of information leading them to believe a child has been abused or neglected. Professional mandated reporters are subject to additional reporting requirements.

Screening

Mississippi has one centralized intake unit that handles the receipt of referrals of child maltreatment. After the centralized unit has screened in the case, all intakes are reviewed by centralized screening supervisors.

Investigations

The Special Investigations Unit investigates maltreatment in foster care.

Child welfare response

Mississippi refers to "kinship guardianship" as "durable legal relative guardianship."

Foster care automatically extends to youth until age 20.

Child welfare context

Consent decree was previously known as Olivia Y. v. Bryant. The state noted that Mississippi's governor, Bryant, has been replaced by Reeves (current governor as of 2024).

MISSOURI

Definitions

Drug or alcohol misuse is referred to as "reports alleging that parents/caretakers of children are behaving in a bizarre manner or acting under the influence of drugs or alcohol and that they could pose an immediate danger to the children (at the time of the report or with the preceding 24 hours)."

Threats to child safety include domestic violence, but domestic violence is not included in the definition of abuse or neglect.

Near-fatalities cases are referred for a Critical Event Response, which is a process for reporting, reviewing, and documenting the Children's Division's response to significant events. They are required for near-fatalities when a child is involved in an open investigation or family

assessment, is in foster care, or has recent involvement with the Children's Division for suspected abuse or neglect.

Reporting

All mandated reporters are strongly encouraged, but not required, to complete a free online training course for mandated reporters from the Missouri Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children.

Screening

Supervisors may need to review a screening call if they receive an email or phone call from county staff, constituents, or the reporter or if the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Unit team members request supervisory review before the call is submitted. Supervisors review a percentage of reports and referrals for quality assurance for each team member. Supervisors review all documented calls and non-ca/n fatality referrals for each of their team members. New team members have a higher percentage of calls reviewed.

Child welfare response

Missouri's Department of Social Services can provide services to families post-reunification, but there are currently no existing policies on this and these services are not routinely provided.

Child welfare context

M.B. vs. Tidball is a court-ordered joint settlement agreement, not a consent decree.

MONTANA

Definitions

Punishment is defined as "unnecessary and cruel" punishment.

Montana's 2023 Annual Progress and Services Report indicates a substance-exposed newborn would be considered physical neglect although this is not explicitly defined as maltreatment in statute, administrative code, or policy.

Reporting

Montana accepts request for services reports when information does not meet the criteria for child abuse or neglect but requires a response from the child welfare agency due to a request for services or the need for an investigation by law enforcement or other agencies charged with investigating reports of child abuse and neglect. These reports are accepted and unrelated to risk of child maltreatment.

Investigations

The following two investigation activities may be included but are not required: (1) an investigation at the home of the child involved, the child's school or day-care facility, or any other place where the child is present, and (2) an investigation into all other nonfinancial matters that in the discretion of the investigator are relevant to the investigation.

Child protection specialist is the state-assigned title for caseworkers and social workers.

Child welfare response

The state is considering a staff position to address disproportionality or equity.

NEBRASKA

Definitions

A parent or caregiver who encourages or allows the child to engage in high-risk behavior or illegal activity such as theft, assault, or substance use is considered a subtype of neglect under improper supervision.

Reporting

Mandated reporters will remain anonymous to the family they are reporting but their information may be shared with the Child and Family Services Specialist during the investigation, law enforcement, the county attorney, or Attorney General's Office.

Screening

Staff responsible for screening are known as Child and Family Services Specialists.

Investigations

Nebraska has the following investigative findings: Court Pending; Court Substantiated; Agency Substantiated; and Unfounded.

Staff responsible for conducting investigations are known as Child and Family Services Specialists.

Child welfare response

Nebraska's decision to provide in-home services is not based on substantiated findings, but rather if there is a need to provide services. Nebraska provides in-home services to all families (which may include unsubstantiated cases) where the children are determined to be:

- (1) Unsafe;
- (2) Conditionally safe;
- (3) Safe and at low or moderate risk per Structured Decision Making (SDM) score and the family is requesting services;
- (4) At high or very high risk per SDM score for future maltreatment of their children; or
- (5) In need of services and a court of competent jurisdiction has placed the child in the custody of the Department.

Staff responsible for conducting foster care case management are known as Child and Family Services Specialists.

The following cases cannot be assigned to differential response:

 A household member who either has been convicted or pending conviction of a crime that resulted in the death of a child;

(2) When the abuser of the child resides with either the subject of an active traditional response, an individual or family receiving services through the Children and Family Services Protection and Safety section;

- (3) An individual or family who is involved in a juvenile court petition;
- (4) A Household Member has been convicted of or has criminal charges pending for manufacturing methamphetamine or other controlled substances;
- (5) Reports involving murder in the first or second degree or manslaughter;
- (6) Reports involving assault in the first, second, or third degree or assault by strangulation or suffocation;
- (7) An allegation that requires a forensic interview at a child advocacy center or coordination with the child abuse and neglect investigation;
- (8) An allegation being investigated by a law enforcement agency at the time of the assignment;
- (9) Reports involving a history of termination of parental rights;
- (10) Absence of a caretaker without having given an alternate caregiver authority to make decisions and grant consents for necessary care, treatment, and education of a child or without having made provision to be contacted to make such decisions or grant such consents;
- (11) For a report involving an infant, a household member tests positive for methamphetamine or nonprescribed opioids at the birth of such infant.

The Ponca Tribe does not provide foster care to Tribal members, instead the Tribe utilizes the Department of Health and Human Services to provide foster care.

NEVADA

Definitions

In 2024, the state removed the reference to drug lab in its definition of child maltreatment.

In the definition of maltreatment, the state describes several environmental conditions and may consider failure to thrive, illegally providing a controlled substance to a child, failure to protect, and factitious order by proxy as maltreatment under those conditions.

Nevada defines a child as a person under the age of 18 or a person who is in school but has not graduated.

Reporting

Attorneys are not required to make a report of abuse or neglect of a child if they acquired knowledge of the abuse or neglect from a client during a privileged communication.

Child welfare response

The Nevada Child Welfare Training Academy has two levels of workers: (1) case managers who have a bachelor's degree in an area other than social work and (2) social workers who are licensed in the state of Nevada. Most new workers are required to have a degree in social work and be a licensed social worker.

Nevada uses twenty-six criteria to identify potential safety threats that indicate a child(ren) is unsafe, and a report cannot be assigned for differential response.

In 2023, Nevada drafted new policies for extended foster care, including reentry. These policies are expected to be implemented in July 2025.

The anti-discrimination policy described in N.R.S. 233.010 references "places of public accommodation," which includes Nevada's public child welfare offices.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Definitions

If a caregiver reveals their identity when relinquishing a newborn, they can be investigated for neglect.

The Child Fatality Review Committee may create additional subcommittees focused on specific populations such as sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) and sudden death in the young (SDY). Their reviews are not limited to fatalities resulting from child abuse or neglect.

Screening

The final screening decision is determined by intake staff, then forwarded to intake supervisors for approval.

Child Protective Services (CPS) Worker I requires (1) no experience with a bachelor's degree in social work or a related field, (2) no experience with a bachelor's degree in an unrelated field with at least 12 courses/36 credit hours in social work or a related field, or (3) three years of experience in human services or education field working with children or families with a bachelor's degree in an unrelated field without at least 12 courses/36 credit hours in social work or a related field. Higher level staff (e.g., CPS Worker II-IV) require additional education and/or experience.

Relevant experience may substitute for degree requirements: 18 months of additional relevant experience for an associate's degree, 36 months of additional relevant experience for a bachelor's degree, and 54 months of additional relevant experience for a master's degree.

Investigations

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Child welfare response

State policy allows federally recognized Tribes to provide foster care. However, New Hampshire currently does not have any federally (or state) recognized Tribes.

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NEW JERSEY

Reporting

The only mandated reporters who must supply their names are educational staff, volunteers, or interns associated with the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Screening

For screener qualifications, "professional experience" refers to work that is analytical, evaluative, and interpretive; requires a range of basic knowledge of the profession's concepts and practices; and is performed with the authority to act and make accurate and informed decisions.

Investigations

The Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit is a separate unit within DCF for institutional abuse investigations.

Child welfare response

State policy requires that child welfare staff "identify the child's Indian heritage and status early."

NEW MEXICO

Definitions

Safety tool identifies a caregiver as "an adult, parent, guardian, or custodian in the household who provides care and supervision for the child."

Reporting

Although the state has universal mandated reporting, the state statute specifies certain types of professional mandated reporters who are subject to penalties for failure to report:

- (1) Every person;
- (2) Licensed physician;
- (3) Resident or an intern examining, attending, or treating a child;
- (4) Law enforcement officer;
- (5) Judge presiding during a proceeding;
- (6) Registered nurse;
- (7) Visiting nurse;
- (8) School employee;
- (9) Social worker acting in an official capacity; or
- (10) Member of the clergy who has information that is not privileged as a matter of law.

Although the department does not provide any training on mandated reporting, other entities may take on that responsibility and offer training.

Child welfare response

All screened out reports are referred to the New Mexico Family Resource Connection (NMFRC) program which may include an alternative to an investigation upon completion of evaluation that indicates there are no immediate safety concerns. Families may choose to accept or decline services or programs offered through NMFRC.

NEW YORK

Definitions

For exposure to domestic violence, the existence of domestic violence in and of itself is not enough for a determination of maltreatment.

Some credible evidence of the elements of neglect or maltreatment (harm or imminent risk of harm, failure to exercise a minimum degree of care, and a causal connection between the subject's failure and either harm or imminent risk of harm to the child) is required.

For prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol, the New York State Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment does not register a report based on an infant's positive toxicology if the infant's birthing parent is compliant with a drug treatment program or is under the care and supervision of a doctor and is using the drugs as prescribed and is demonstrating an ability to care for the infant. Nor does the state register a report if the only reported concern is that an infant tests positive for the presence of cannabis or alcohol without a demonstrated effect on the infant. An additional element that addresses either harm or imminent risk of harm is required when registering a report.

For infants testing positive for drugs, there must be proven harm or imminent risk of harm other than the fact that the infant tested positive. If a parent is compliant with a drug or substance abuse treatment program, then a report cannot be indicated solely on the basis of a positive toxicology. If a subject is voluntarily and regularly participating in a rehabilitative program, evidence that the subject has repeatedly misused a drug or drugs or alcoholic beverages to the extent that the subject loses self-control of their actions shall not establish that the child is a neglected child in the absence of evidence establishing that the child's physical, mental, or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired.

State statute defines "person legally responsible (PLR)" as the child's custodian, guardian, and any other person responsible for the child's care at the relevant time. Custodian may include any person continually or at regular intervals found in the same household as the child when the conduct of such person causes or contributes to the abuse or neglect of the child.

Religious observance can be considered an exemption if parents object to medical treatment but 'provide an acceptable course of medical treatment for their child' and it is one "which is recommended by their physician, and which has not been totally rejected by all responsible medical authority."

Reporting

All mandated reporters are required to report when a parent, child or other person legally responsible comes before them in their professional capacity and provides, from personal knowledge, information on facts or circumstances that create for the mandated reporter a reasonable cause to suspect a child is abused or maltreated. In addition, social services workers are only required to report or cause a report to be made when any person comes before them in their professional or official capacity with information from personal knowledge that gives them reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or maltreated.

State statute 413 includes "full or part-time compensated school employee required to hold a temporary coaching license or professional coaching certificate" as a mandated reporter; this is included under the school staff reporters.

For mandated reporters, shelter staff are employees of a publicly funded emergency shelter for families with children. Additionally, volunteers include those in a children's residential care facility licensed, certified, or operated by the Office of Children and Family Services.

The New York State Education Department (SED) Office of the Professions oversees the standards for training programs for mandated reporters. Every mandated reporter is required, by law, to take at least one 2-hour training. Recent legislation requires all mandated reporters to take an additional training on recognizing child abuse and maltreatment in children with intellectual or physical disabilities and a training that includes protocols to reduce implicit bias in the decision-making processes, strategies for identifying adverse childhood experiences, and guidelines to assist in recognizing signs of abuse or maltreatment while interacting virtually.

Screening

New York refers to screening policies as "Registering Reports."

Child welfare response

State law prohibits assigning a report to Family Assessment Response (FAR) when the subject is alleged to have:

- (1) Committed an act of incest;
- (2) Allowed a child to engage in acts of sexual performance or sexual conduct;
- (3) Committed assault against a child.

FAR cannot be used for reports involving a foster boarding home or whenabuse or maltreatment allegedly occurred during child day care.

NORTH CAROLINA

Definitions

A Child Fatality Review Team is required for all cases when abuse or neglect is suspected to have contributed to a child's death and a county Department of Social Services has had contact through its child welfare programs with the child or family within the 12 months preceding the child's death.

Reporting

Although the Division of Social Services is not responsible for training, some mandated reporters must be trained, such as the Guardian ad Litem or legal and medical personnel.

Investigations

Some counties, such as Wake County, have specialized investigations units (such as a Serious Injury Sex Abuse Team), but not all counties do.

North Carolina's child welfare system is county-administered. Each county Department of Social Services posts its own social services positions, and qualifications and requirements may vary by county.

Child welfare response

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The state extends the federal ICWA protections to state-recognized Tribes.

NORTH DAKOTA

Definitions

If following religious guidelines for medical treatment, a court may order medical services to be provided to the child if the child's life or safety requires such an order, or the child is subject to harm or threatened harm.

If a caregiver refuses to provide information or denies the need to provide safety in cases of child sexual behaviors, the Department may begin an assessment for neglect/failure to protect.

Reporting

For mandated reporters, the state considers any other medical or mental health professional to include EMTs, firefighters, or other emergency personnel.

For the annual mandated reporter training for early childhood service providers, the state considers early childhood service providers to include school teachers and child care providers.

A member of the clergy is not required to report if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in the capacity of a spiritual advisor.

Reports in which the reporter can give no credible or causal reason for suspecting the child has been abused or neglected are subject to administrative assessment.

Screening

The state has a dedicated team of specialized child protection intake professionals who answer and gather all needed facts so local Child Protection Servicesworkers can respond quickly.

Child welfare response

North Dakota has two types of differential response: Alternative Response for Substance Exposed Newborns and Family Services Assessment.

When the criteria for an Alternative Response Assessment are met, the worker can offer the AR Assessment at the time of the initial visit. When the criteria are met, but the family is uncertain, the decision for an AR assessment can be postponed 24 hours so the family can think about their decision. When the worker is uncertain after the initial visit, the offer of an AR assessment can be postponed for 24 hours, to allow for consultation with a supervisor or Field Service Specialist.

"Human service zone" means a county or consolidated group of counties administering human services within a designated area under an agreement or plan approved by the department.

OHIO

Definitions

Newborns who test positive for a substance or exhibit signs of withdrawal must be reported. However, the report will be screened out if the hospital can confirm the substance is prescribed and is being used per the prescription, and there is a detailed plan of safe care that addresses the infant's withdrawal symptoms and includes relevant substance treatment services, medical care, behavioral health care, or any other necessary service for the infant, mother, and any family members.

Reporting

People can report to the Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) or a peace officer in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. If

the person making the report is a peace officer, the officer will make it to the PCSA in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred.

Qualified organization means a private association, organization, corporation, nonprofit, or other entity that is not a Title IV-E reimbursable setting and that has established a program that does all of the following:

- (1) Provides resources and services to assist, support, and educate parents, host families, children, or any person hosting a child under a host family agreement on a temporary basis;
- (2) Requires a criminal records check on the intended host family and all adults residing in the host family's household;
- (3) Requires a background check in the central registry of abuse and neglect of this state from the Department of Job and Family Services for the intended host family and all adults residing in the host family's household;
- (4) Ensures that the host family is trained on the rights, duties, responsibilities, and limitations as outlined in the host family agreement; and
- (5) Conduct in-home supervision of a child who is the subject of the host family agreement while the agreement is in force.

Host family means any individual who provides care in the individual's private residence for a child or single-family group, at the request of the child's custodial parent, guardian, or legal custodian, under a host family agreement.

Screening

State document indicates public children services agencies (PCSA) will attempt to obtain, at a minimum, the following screening information from a reporter upon receipt of referral information to determine an intake category and arrive at a screening decision, but receipt of all listed information is not required to screen in a report:

- (1) The name(s), address(es), and phone numbers of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
- (2) Family members' race and ethnicity;
- (3) Extent, frequency, and duration of the abuse, neglect, or dependency;
- (4) Perpetrator's access to the child;
- (5) Child's current condition; Information on previous injuries, abuse, or neglect;
- (6) Any other information that might be helpful in the following:
 - (a) establishing the cause of the known or suspected injury, abuse, or neglect or the known or suspected threat of injury, abuse, or neglect or
 - (b) the case circumstances that support the family is in need of public children's services agency (PCSA) services; and the reporter's name, address, and contact information.

Associate's degrees are acceptable as long as staff are working toward a bachelor's degree in social work or a related fieldand obtain the bachelor's degree within five years of employment.

Investigations

As part of the investigation, the PCSA may complete other activities, though these are not required. These activities include the following:

- (1) Taking photographs of areas of trauma on the child's body;
- (2) Taking photographs of the child's environment with the parent, guardian, or custodian's consent;
- (3) Attempting to secure a medical examination or psychological evaluation or both of the child with consent of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian or with a court order; and
- (4) Attempting to secure any relevant records, including but not limited to school, mental health, and medical records.

Associate's degrees are acceptable as long as staff are working towards a bachelor's degree in social work or a related field and obtain the bachelor's degree within five years of employment.

Child welfare response

Cases not eligible for differential response include the following:

- (1) Reports requiring a specialized assessment as identified by rule adopted by the department;
- (2) Reports requiring a third-party investigative procedure as identified by rule adopted by the department;
- (3) Reports containing allegations that could result in charges of felony child endangerment;
- (4) Reports containing allegations that could result in charges of homicide;
- (5) Family requests a pathway change from the alternative response pathway to the traditional response pathway;
- (6) Alternative response assessments cannot be completed because the family refused to engage in the assessment process;
- (7) The PCSA files a complaint with the juvenile court alleging the child is abused, neglected, or dependent.

Associate's degrees are acceptable as long as staff are working toward a bachelor's degree in social work or a related field and obtain the bachelor's degree within five years of employment.

Ohio considers Bridges as its extended foster care. This program is administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services through a contract with The Child and Family Health Collaborative of Ohio and requires young adults to sign a voluntary participation agreement.

Although there are currently no specific roles focused on addressing disproportionality or equity, Ohio is collecting and analyzing data to address disproportionality in the child protection system and to revise the system with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

OKLAHOMA

Definitions

Third-party perpetrator means a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect other than the person responsible for the child.

Reporting

Each Department of Human Services (OKDHS) staff member ensures the employee receives relevant training on their employee's responsibility to report a child or vulnerable adult's alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Any other required training is determined by each specific entity and not known to OKDHS.

Abuse or neglect occurring to Tribal children on Tribal land is referred to the Tribe and screened out by OKDHS. Abuse or neglect occurring to children in OKDHS custody on Tribal land is addressed by OKDHS jointly and in collaboration with the Tribe. Any abuse or neglect occurring to Tribal children on state land is addressed by OKDHS and jointly in collaboration with the Tribe when the Tribe so chooses.

Screening

Oklahoma's Department of Human Services (OKDHS) refers to the staff who screen and investigate reports of child maltreatment and who provide ongoing case management services as child welfare specialists.

Investigations

Specialized investigation protocols exist in policy for cases including but not limited to:

- (1) Out-of-home investigations;
- (2) Open deprived cases;
- (3) Victims of human trafficking;
- (4) Active military families;
- (5) Infants born to incarcerated mothers (Erica's Rule);
- (6) Abandoned or relinquished newborns;
- (7) Judicial referrals;
- (8) Investigations involving Oklahoma's Department of Human Services (OKDHS) employees;
- (9) Infants with medical neglect;
- (10) Drug-endangered children;
- (11) Cases involving child death or near death;
- (12) Cases involving a multidisciplinary team.

Searches for all public records are required on all cases.

OKDHS refers to the staff who screen and investigate reports of child maltreatment and who provide ongoing case management services as child welfare specialists.

The Office of Client Advocacy investigates reports of child abuse or neglect of a child in custody when the child is placed in an above foster care level setting.

Child welfare response

For post-reunification in-home services, outside of the case management services from the child welfare specialist following reunification, families can have Oklahoma Children's Services if needed (Comprehensive Home-Based Services, Parent Aide, or Youth Villages-Intercept) that are paid directly through child welfare. Alternatively, they could receive other in-home services such as SoonerStart, Children's First, Parents as Teacher, Exchange Parent Aide, or Healthy Families Attachment and Behavioral Catch-up (ABC) that are not funded through child welfare and are funded by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), or Medicaid.

In practice, Oklahoma's Department of Human Services does allow reentry into extended foster care after age 18 and up until age 21 for youth who want to return to care (when an identified placement is available or can be located). However, these reentry practices are not specifically outlined in agency policies or procedures.

OREGON

Definitions

The state's drug lab definition includes the criminal delivery or manufacturing of other controlled substances or cannabinoid extracts (not just methamphetamines but excluding marijuana that is delivered for no consideration).

Domestic violence is only considered child abuse if there is reason to believe that the child will intervene and risk harm to themselves, the child is likely to be harmed during the violence, the alleged abuser does not allow the caregiver and child access to basic needs, the alleged abuser has killed or inflicted harm to anyone in the extended family (including pets), or the child lives in a state of fear.

Oregon does not define near-fatalities, but there is a requirement for a multidisciplinary team to review suspicious physical injuries, which include crimes against children.

Involuntary seclusion, verbal abuse, wrongful use of restraint, abandonment, and financial exploitation only apply to children in foster homes that are certified by the child welfare agency, including residential and family-based homes.

A statute was updated in 2023 legislative processes which revises safe haven conditions to apply to children 60 days old or younger, although it was not effective until 2024.

While case reviews for high-risk cases or near-fatalities are not specified in Oregon policy, discretionary reviews for these cases can be initiated in practice.

Reporting

A psychiatrist, psychologist, member of the clergy, attorney or guardian ad litem is not required to report such information communicated by a person if the communication is privileged. An attorney is not required to make a report if the information is communicated to the attorney in the course of representing a client and if disclosing the information would be detrimental to the client.

Volunteers are considered mandated reporters if they volunteer for an agency with mandatory reporting.

Screening

Supervisory review is required when reports are closed at screening (screened out) and as needed.

PENNSYLVANIA

Definitions

To be considered a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect, a caregiver or household member must be age 14 or older.

Health care providers are required to give notice (may not constitute a child abuse or neglect report) if a child younger than age 1 has been determined, based on standards of professional practice, to have been born affected by (1) substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or (2) a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

Child Protective Services (CPS) includes those services and activities provided by the department and each county agency for child maltreatment cases. General Protective Services (GPS) are supports and services provided when protective services are required in non-maltreatment cases. GPS cases may rise to the level of maltreatment and be transferred to CPS if they meet one of the 10 sub-categories under child abuse as stated in state statutes.

Cases involving female genital mutilation may fall under the category of serious bodily injury.

Reporting

The following types of professionals are considered mandated reporters only in certain cases: district attorneys or other attorneys (only if working with or for an agency that is responsible for the care, supervision, or guidance of children) and homeless shelter staff (depends on the nature of the shelter and if it is child-focused for example, parent or child program, program for unaccompanied minors).

The following mandated reporters are only required to have training in certain cases: camp counselors, camp directors or administrators (training required only if the camp is licensed), medical professionals (training required for those who specialize in or work with children), and guardian ad litem or court-appointed special advocates (training required if under the supervision of an institution, agency, or facility regulated by the Department).

Screening

Some counties have staff in specialized screening units to conduct screening.

Investigations

Some counties have a special investigations unit.

Child welfare response

In-home services are provided for unsubstantiated cases if the county agency concludes the child is in danger of future child abuse.

Pennsylvania does not have designated cultural brokers and collaborates with the University of Pittsburgh to address race and equity issues in child welfare. The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center provides resources to address issues related to disproportionality and equity.

PUERTO RICO

Definitions

Puerto Rico has an "open" category as a type of maltreatment for a case that is new and when information regarding the maltreatment does not perfectly align with current definitions or overlaps multiple maltreatment types.

Puerto Rico defines death as part of its definition of "bodily harm", which includes any non-accidental trauma, injury, or condition, including inadequate nourishment that could result in death, if left unattended.

Reporting

Puerto Rico has universal mandated reporting, and the state's statutes specify the following mandated reporters:

- (1) Professionals in the fields of health, the justice system, education, social work, or public order;
- (2) People who administer or work in caregiving institutions or centers that provide care services 24 hours a day or part thereof;
- (3) People who work in rehabilitation institutions and centers for minors;
- (4) People who work in foster homes; and
- (5) All processors of film or photographs who have knowledge of or observe, in the performance of their professional responsibilities or employment, any motion picture, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide that depicts a minor involved in a sexual activity.

Screening

Other than the report meeting a definition of maltreatment, no other information is required to screen in a report. All reports of suspected child abuse and neglect are accepted for investigation in Puerto Rico.

RHODE ISLAND

Reporting

When making a report, the reporter will only be asked for personal information if not making the call anonymously.

Child welfare response

The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families requires staff and service providers to respect the dignity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and intersex (LGBTQQI) youth. The Department, its staff, providers, interns, andvolunteers offer services and interventions to youth without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. LGBTQQI youth receive fair and equal treatment in a professional and confidential manner based on Department policy, state and federal law and regulation and principles of sound professional practice, including culturally competent mental health and medical care. LGBTQQI youth are protected from verbal, physical, andsexual harassment or assault based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Definitions

Although illegal substance and drug or alcohol misuse are addressed in the definition of "drug endangered child" in a supplemental appendix to the child protection policy, they are not defined as maltreatment in the state statutes or code.

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) is in the process of developing a response protocol for near-fatalities.

For the purposes of child protective services, South Carolina law defines a child to include a viable fetus. A fetus is considered to be viable if it can live outside the mother's womb, which medical professionals currently define as 24 weeks of gestation.

Reporting

DSS conducts appropriate training for mandated reporters, but it is not clear whether mandated reporters are required to take such training.

Risk-only reports can be accepted as reports of maltreatment. However, they are only screened in if other criteria meet the threshold for substantial risk.

Screening

South Carolina refers to reporting and screening as "intake." Intake workers gather information from the reporter. The information gathered during the reporting and screening phases is the same. The Intake Unit is a specialized unit composed of caseworkers and supervisors.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Reporting

South Dakota uses the term 'Family Services Specialist' to refer to staff who investigate reports of child maltreatment.

Screening

Staff are hired with relevant degrees and experience for all positions. An individual without a college degree may be hired in few circumstances such as in areas of the state where filling positions is problematic.

Investigations

Staff are hired with relevant degrees and experience for all positions. An individual without a college degree may be hired in few circumstances such as in areas of the state where filling positions is problematic.

Child welfare response

Staff are hired with relevant degrees and experience for all positions. An individual without a college degree may be hired in few circumstances such as in areas of the state where filling positions is problematic.

TENNESSEE

Definitions

All reports of child death or preliminary near death of a custodial child are assigned to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) for investigation, regardless of the child's current placement status. The Department of Children's Services (DCS) Central Office Child Death Review Team (CO CDRT) will review a death when (1) a child was in DCS custody at the time of death, (2) DCS had contact with the child or family within 3 years preceding the child's date of death, (3) the child's death has been substantiated for abuse, or (4) the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner of Child Health, or the Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Child Safety requests a review. However, DCS Child Death Reviews are not substitutes for and do not replace the reviews of all child deaths conducted by the Tennessee Department of Health Child Fatality Review Team. DCS will also review the circumstances of confirmed cases of near-death of children or youth in Tennessee (1) when the child was in DCS custody at the time of the near-death incident, (2) when the child or family had history with DCS within the past three years, or (3) the near-death case was substantiated for abuse.

Screening

Experience equivalent to professional work providing child welfare services for Department of Children's Services (DCS) Case Manager staff includes, but is not limited to, one or a combination of the following:

- (1) Social, psychological, or correctional counseling or case management;
- (2) Volunteer services coordination for a children's service program; or

(3) Juvenile classification coordination.

DCS Case Manager 1-3 staff must hold a bachelor's degree in any field. DCS Case Manager 4 staff must hold a master's degree in social work or a related behavioral science field or a bachelor's degree in any field, with additional years of experience. Although a degree in social work or a related field is not required, a graduate degree in social work or a related behavioral science field may be substituted for the required experience on a year-for-year basis, to a maximum of one year for DCS Case Manager 3 staff.

Investigations

Alleged perpetrators can directly or indirectly refuse interviews with Department of Children's Services (DCS) staff (refusal to contact DCS), but staff must make and document attempts.

The Child Protective Services (CPS) investigator conducts investigation activities, seeking guidance from supervisors or the lead investigator when necessary. The Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) convenes when the allegation is severe abuse. The CPIT includes a staff member from CPS, a representative from the Office of the District Attorney General, a juvenile court officer or investigator from a court of competent jurisdiction, a law enforcement officer with countywide jurisdiction from the county where the child resides or where the alleged abuse occurred, and the Director of the Children's Advocacy Center or their designee. The CPIT team may also include a representative from one of the mental health disciplines, a representative trained in child abuse from one of the medical disciplines, and, for cases involving an allegation that a child is a victim of a human trafficking offense, a representative from one non-governmental agency specialized in combatting the commercial sexual exploitation of minors.

Experience equivalent to professional work providing child welfare services for DCS Case Manager staff includes, but is not limited to, one or a combination of the following:

- (1) Social, psychological, or correctional counseling or case management;
- (2) Volunteer services coordination for a children's service program; or
- (3) Juvenile classification coordination.

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Child welfare response

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TEXAS

Definitions

Inadequate clothing and inadequate shelter are considered maltreatment only when they can be tied to a detrimental impact on the child.

Factitious disorder or Munchausen syndrome by proxy may be investigated under medical neglect or emotional abuse.

Exposure to domestic violence is considered maltreatment whenever a child attempts to intervene, when a child is close enough to potentially be harmed, or when it causes emotional harm to the child.

A child is a person under age 18 who is not and has not been married or who has not had his disabilities of minority removed for general purposes.

In most cases, the exemption for religious observance applies, but there are exceptions if lifesustaining medical treatment is required for a newborn, and the parent refuses treatment.

The term 'CPS' refers to ongoing services, such as family-based services and conservatorship, that might occur after an investigation.

Investigations and alternative response functions are conducted by Child Protective Investigations (CPI).

Child Safety Specialists (CSS) conduct near-fatal and fatal case reviews.

Screening

In rare circumstances, an associate's degree is acceptable as a requirement for screeners if it is coupled with some type of experience in protective services.

Workers performing screening are instructed to follow regional protocols when (1) workers deem reports not eligible for formal screening and route reports to supervisors and (2) when reports are deemed eligible for screening and the person performing screening forwards the report for investigation.

Investigations

An inconclusive finding is known as an 'Unable to Determine' disposition. Caseworkers assign 'Unable to Determine' disposition to an allegation if the allegation does not meet the criteria for Administrative Closure, Reason to Believe, Ruled Out, or Unable to Complete, and one of the following applies:

(1) There is not enough information to determine whether the alleged abuse or neglect occurred:

- (2) There is enough information to determine that the abuse or neglect occurred, but not enough to determine whether the alleged perpetrator is responsible for it;
- (3) The caseworker does not assign this disposition unless the caseworker has made reasonable efforts to gather all available information.

Special investigators work on cases that are high profile or high-risk, or that require joint investigation with law enforcement due to alleged criminal acts. They also train and consult with staff on forensic interview skills and techniques, accompany caseworkers on investigations, and assist with crises.

Child welfare response

In Texas, when a child must be removed from their home, the court appoints Child Protective Services to be a "conservator" of the child.

UTAH

Definitions

The state defines "material harmful to a child" as any visual, pictorial, audio, or written representation (in whatever form, including performance) that includes pornographic or sexually explicit material, including nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse and meets all the following conditions:

- (1) Taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest in sex of a child;
- (2) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for a child;
- (3) Taken as a whole does not have serious value for a child ('serious value' includes only serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for a child).

Definitions of sexual exploitation include "child" and "minor," where a 'child' is a person under age 18 and a 'minor' is any person who is at least 18 years old and younger than 21 years old and under the care of the Division of Child and Family Services.

Reporting

Requirements for mandated reporters do not apply to a member of the clergy, concerning any confession made to the member of the clergy while functioning in the ministerial capacity of the member of the clergy and without the consent of the individual confessing, if two conditions are met:

- (1) The perpetrator confessed directly to the member of the clergy;
- (2) The member of the clergy is, under canon law or church doctrine or practice, bound to maintain the confidentiality of that confession.

When a member of the clergy receives information about abuse or neglect from any source other than a confession by the perpetrator, the member of the clergy is required to report that information, even though the member of the clergy may have also received information about abuse or neglect from the confession of the perpetrator.

Screening

The title assigned to caseworkers and frontline staff who conduct screening is "child and family services intake worker".

Child welfare response

A caseworker is a person employed by or contracted with Child and Family Services to provide professional casework, case management, contract management, or direct service and contract management supervision. The person will have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree, but may not have met the requirements to be a licensed worker. Workers are considered caseworkers until they get their social service worker (SSW) license, at which point, they become social service workers.

VERMONT

Definitions

Foster or kinship parents are often referred to as caregivers or caretakers, and they are included in the definition of "person responsible for a child's welfare." Any substitute care provider would also be included in this definition.

Although female genital mutilation (FGM) is not specifically defined, reports of FGM or risk of FGM (e.g., plans, purchased plane tickets, etc.) could fall under physical abuse or risk of harm.

For near-fatalities, serious or critical conditions must be certified by a physician.

Reporting

If the state needs to seek court involvement through a Child in Need of Care or Supervision petition, the identity of the reporter would become known in the affidavit. Reporters are informed of this during training.

A member of the public can refuse to give their name and therefore remain anonymous. Additionally, reporters wishing to remain anonymous must block their phone number when making the call; otherwise, their phone number is attached to the report.

Foster parents who fail to report suspected abuse or neglect of a foster child may have their license revoked.

Screening

Centralized Intake and Emergency Services (CIES) Unit, which includes Family Services Workers and Supervisors, conducts screening.

There are 2 stages to the screening process. A Family Services Supervisor in the statewide CIES Unit makes the initial determination about report acceptance. If the report is not accepted by the CIES Supervisor, a second person from the local district (Senior Family Services Worker,

Family Services Supervisor, or District Director) will screen the report to determine if the report is a valid allegation. The Director of Operations, Sr. Policy and Operations Manager, or Policy and Operations Manager from the child welfare agency's Family Service Division Operations team may also conduct the second screen.

The state will screen and accept reports with missing information (fields are marked "unknown," and more information is collected later). This information includes:

- (1) Identity, address, or other contact information of the reporter;
- (2) Name and address of parents or person responsible for the child's care;
- (3) Child's age;
- (4) Nature and extent of the child's injuries, together with any evidence of previous abuse and neglect of the child or the child's siblings;
- (5) Any other information that might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries or reasons for the neglect, as well as in protecting the child and assisting the family.

There are no recognized Tribes within the geographic boundaries of Vermont. However, the child welfare agency collaborates with Tribes located in other states and exercises shared jurisdiction in completing interviews, reviewing information, and making decisions.

Investigations

Family Services Workers and Family Services Supervisors include staff who investigate reports of abuse or neglect.

The Residential Licensing and Special Investigations (RLSI) Unit is involved in investigations when the alleged perpetrator resides or receives services in a licensed or approved foster home or facility serving children.

Additional qualifications may be required for higher-level staff who conduct investigation activities.

As a result of an amendment to 33 V.S.A. § 4912, the level of evidence required for substantiation will change from reasonable cause to a preponderance of evidence effective September 1, 2024.

Other activities that could be part of an investigation, but are not required, include: (1) taking photographs of trauma visible on a child who is the subject of a report, (2) seeking consultation with a physician, and(3) if the physician deems it appropriate, giving the child a radiological examination.

Child welfare response

Family Services Workers and Family Services Supervisors include staff who conduct foster care case management.

Additional qualifications may be required for higher-level staff who conduct foster care case management.

Anti-discrimination laws and policies protecting discrimination based on creed and political beliefs do not apply to foster parents.

VIRGINIA

Definitions

Although parental drug or alcohol misuse is not explicitly identified in the state's definition of maltreatment, there are types of abuse or neglect that can be the result of drug or alcohol misuse.

Corporal punishment is not permitted in Virginia in public schools, foster homes, group homes, or other child-caring institutions. However, it is not illegal for parents to use corporal punishment in Virginia.

Excessive corporal punishment that results in unintended injury or injuries to children is reportable under the law.

Poisoning occurs when the caretaker intends to alter the child's normal physiological functions by giving the substance to the child. It does not include acts of omission where the caretaker allows access to substances that alter the child's normal physiological functions.

"Caretaker" is defined as any individual having the responsibility of providing care and supervision of a child and includes the following:

- (1) Parent or other person legally responsible for the child's care (e.g., birth, adoptive, step-, and foster parent, legal guardian);
- (2) An individual who by law, social custom, expressed or implied acquiescence, collective consensus, agreement or any other legally recognizable basis has an obligation to look after a child left in his care (e.g., relative, babysitter, paramour of the parent, cohabitants). The LDSS must be able to document how the care and control of the child were expressly delegated or implied to the individual; and
- (3) Persons responsible by virtue of their conferred authority (e.g., teacher or other school personnel, institutional staff, child care personnel, scout troop leaders).

In addition to the state and regional Child Fatality Review Teams tasked with examining the circumstances of child deaths, local and regional Child Fatality Review Teams may also be established "for the purpose of conducting contemporaneous reviews of local child deaths in order to develop interventions and strategies for prevention specific to the locality or region."

The Children's Ombudsman may also investigate all child fatality cases that occurred or are alleged to occur due to child abuse or child neglect under certain circumstances.

Reporting

Mandated reporters can also use VaCPS, the state's mandated reporter portal, to quickly submit a report of suspected child abuse or neglect directly to the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) State Hotline, when a child is not in immediate danger.

Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect (For Educators) mandated reporter training is only required for licensed teachers.

Court-appointed special advocates (CASAs) are mandated reporters, but not guardians ad litem.

Screening

Family Services Specialists and Family Services Supervisors who specialize in child protective services include staff who screen reports of abuse or neglect.

The alleged abuser or neglector must be identified as in a caretaking role (e.g. parent or other caretaker) of the alleged child victim at the time of the abuse or neglect for a report to be screened in, except in cases alleging child trafficking. However, the name and other demographic information of the alleged abuser or neglector are not required to screen in a report.

Investigations

Family Services Specialists and Family Services Supervisors who specialize in child protective services include staff who investigate reports of abuse or neglect.

Virginia classifies investigations into two categories based on where the alleged abuse or neglect occurred: family investigations or out-of-family investigations. All Child Protective Services (CPS) authorities, procedures, and requirements applicable to in-home investigations apply to the investigation of complaints in an out-of-family setting; however, additional requirements may apply when responding to CPS reports of maltreatment in out-of-family settings.

Out-of-family settings may include those regulated by other agencies such as state-licensed and religiously exempted child day care centers, regulated family day homes, private and public schools, locally approved foster homes, child-placing agencies, group residential facilities, hospitals, or institutions. Out-of-family settings may also include settings that are not externally regulated such as camps, athletic leagues, children's clubs, babysitters who are not required to be regulated, babysitting co-ops, and "sleepovers" at friends' homes.

When investigating complaints occurring in out-of-family settings where there is no state regulatory authority, such as in schools, the Family Services Specialist shall ask the facility administrator or school superintendent to designate a person to participate in the joint investigative process. When Child Protective Services (CPS) and law enforcement conduct a joint investigation, the Family Services Specialist shall attempt to facilitate a coordinated approach among CPS, law enforcement and the regulatory authority or facility designee.

Law enforcement may be involved in the investigation of complaints of suspected child abuse or neglect involving:

- (1) Any death of a child;
- (2) Any injury or threatened injury to the child in which a felony or Class 1 misdemeanor is also suspected;

(3) Any sexual abuse, suspected sexual abuse or other sexual offense involving a child, including but not limited to the use or display of the child in sexually explicit visual material;

- (4) Any abduction of a child;
- (5) Any felony or Class 1 misdemeanor drug offense involving a child; or
- (6) Situations that contribute to the delinquency of a minor.

Child welfare response

Cases are not eligible for differential response/family assessment when the following conditions are present:

- (1) Child left alone in the same dwelling with a person to whom the child is not related by blood or marriage and who has been convicted of an offense against a minor for which registration as a violent sexual offender is required;
- (2) Child taken into the custody of the local department of social services;
- (3) Child taken into custody due to Safe Haven;
- (4) Child taken into custody by physician or law enforcement;
- (5) A serious injury;
- (6) The third valid CPS report within 12 months, and
- (7) Out-of-family settings (e.g., involving a caretaker at a state-licensed child day center; religiously exempt child day center; licensed, registered, or approved family day care home; or private or public school, hospital, or any institution).

While serious injuries must be investigated, other types of physical abuse may be assigned to the family assessment track.

Whether cases that are determined to be moderate risk will be opened to a family assessment or closed is dependent upon risk factors that are present.

If, during the family assessment process, the safety decision based on the Safety Assessment Tool is unsafe and a removal occurs, the track must be changed immediately from a family assessment to an investigation.

Family Services Specialists and Family Services Supervisors who specialize in foster care and adoption services include staff who provide foster care case management.

Places of public accommodation, defined in Virginia as all places or businesses offering or holding out to the general public goods, services, privileges, facilities, advantages, or accommodations, include the child welfare agency.

Child welfare context

Virginia operates a state-supervised, locally-administered child welfare system.

WASHINGTON

Definitions

Prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol is not considered maltreatment if there is no child abuse or neglect allegation or imminent risk of serious harm regarding children in the mother's care.

Reports involving factitious disorder by proxy may be accepted under the statutory definition of neglect.

According to state law, the department investigates all child fatalities or near fatalities when there is or was an open case in the past 12 months.

Reporting

There is a single centralized statewide reporting hotline on all state holidays and at all hours other than Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm.

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.

Instances of substance-exposed newborns that do not meet the criterion for a CPS intervention are referred for a plan of safe care.

Screening

Central Intake is the centralized statewide screening unit on all state holidays and at all hours other than Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm.

Investigations

Beginning October 1, 2008, the department no longer makes inconclusive findings but retains such findings made before that date.

Child welfare response

Cases not eligible for differential response include the following:

- (1) Severe maltreatment or abuse by a parent or caregiver,
- (2) Previous shelter care or dependency in the home closed in the past 12 months,
- (3) Alleged victim is already in out-of-home care,
- (4) Alleged victim or subject was involved in three or more previous intakes screened in for CPS in past 12 months,
- (5) Physical abuse to a child age 3 or younger,

(6) Physical abuse to children younger than age 5 reported on behalf of a 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 a medical professional,
- (11) Law enforcement report of parent arrested for criminal mistreatment of a child,
- (12) Child victim of a criminal offense,
- (13) Serious physical abuse or serious neglect,
- (14) The parent or caregiver declines to participate in Family Assessment Response (FAR),
- (15) The parent or caregiver refuses to allow the FAR caseworker to complete an initial face-to-face encounter or interview the identified children.

Effective June 6, 2024, extended foster care is an opt-out-only program with no requirements.

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families includes language in contracts with child welfare organizations prohibiting withholding services due to religious objections, though it's not part of state law or policy.

In-home services aren't provided based on being unsubstantiated, but rather determined by family needs and requests.

The Department's licensing division now offers initial licenses to relatives and suitable other persons for placement. The criteria to license these homes has been adjusted to look at poverty and criminal history based on each family individually, not a yes or no by meeting a certain requirement. This practice alone assists with preventing the systemic discrimination of black families who are known to have criminal histories at a higher rate.

WEST VIRGINIA

Definitions

West Virginia Code 49-1-201 includes a child conceived as a result of sexual assault in the definition of an abused child. According to the Child Protective Services (CPS) manual, this addition to West Virginia Code was added to allow victims of a sexual assault resulting in pregnancy to petition the court to terminate the parental rights of their abuser without the involvement of the Department of Human Services and they may contact the prosecuting attorney to initiate a petition for Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) on their own.

Fatalities and near-fatalities are treated the same way and are known as "critical incidents." Critical incidents occur when there is reasonable suspicion that a fatality or near fatality was caused by abuse or neglect or when abuse or neglect has been determined to have led to a child's death or near death. These cases are reviewed if they are known to the agency. A case

known to the agency is defined as a family with an open CPS case or a Youth Services (YS) case in the past 12 months or whom CPS or YS assessed within the past 12 months.

A third-party perpetrator is defined as a person who abuses or neglects a child whose care and supervision are not their responsibility.

Reporting

Shelter staff and substance use treatment providers are mandated to report only if they are licensed mental health providers, social service workers, or medical professionals.

While not all contractors of the state agency are mandated reporters, some contracted youth service workers are considered mandated reporters under the mandate for "social service workers."

Screening

The reporting and intake/screening processes are combined, and they are distinguished in state policy. The requirements to screen in a report are the same as the required information collected during the report.

In cases where there is disagreement about a screening decision, the child welfare supervisor can send the report to staff in the Office of Policy and Programs for reconsideration.

A current West Virginia Social Work License can serve as a substitution for a master's degree in social work.

Investigations

A current West Virginia Social Worker License can serve as a substitution for a bachelor's degree.

Child welfare response

A current West Virginia Social Worker License can serve as a substitution for a bachelor's degree.

WISCONSIN

Definitions

Failure to thrive, illegally providing a controlled substance to a child, and female genital mutilation are not specifically defined as types of child maltreatment but may considered maltreatment under other categories depending on the circumstances.

Prenatal exposure applies only to unborn children.

There is no specific exemption in state statute for physical discipline, but the statutory definition of 'physical abuse' is "physical injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means." The statute defines what constitutes a 'physical injury.'

One of the following criteria needs to be met for a fatality or near-fatality practice review to take place:

(1) Any case that was open, either to Initial Assessment (IA) or ongoing, at the time of the incident;

- (2) Any case that had 6 contacts with Access in the 12 months before the date of the incident;
- (3) Any case that has 2 or more contacts with Access in the 3 months before the date of the incident;
- (4) Any case that has 2 or more IA's in the 12 months before the date of the incident.

Reporting

Tribes are not involved in the county agency's decision on whether to accept a report, but some cases are reported to a Tribal social services agency. In those cases, the Tribal social services agency is involved in accepting the report. As sovereign nations, Tribes will accept reports, screen reports, and manage cases according to their Tribal codes and policies.

State statute lists categories of professionals who are mandated to report child maltreatment. Whether school bus drivers or other transportation staff are mandated reporters depends on whether they are considered school employees, which varies from district to district. Camp counselors, camp directors or administrators, and athletic coaches or staff at private sports organizations are not expressly included as categories in the Wisconsin mandated reporter statute, but an individual in one of these positions could be in one of the other categories in the mandated reporter law, such as child care provider.

University of Wisconsin coaches are the only athletic coaches and staff that are mandated reporters.

The Department of Children and Families provides a free online training for mandated reporters. However, state law only requires training for certain categories of mandated reporters, including school district employees. Although not included in state law or policy, licensing requirements for certain professions and certain employers may require their employees to have mandated reporter training.

Foster parents are not mandated reporters. However, foster parents are required to report serious incidents, including child abuse or neglect concerns. Foster parents receive training on serious incident reporting and what to do if a serious incident occurs. If a foster parent fails to report a serious incident, their foster care license may be revoked.

Professional licensure can be suspended or revoked for failure to report based on the licensing rules of the specific profession. Certain employers may also impose their own penalties for failure to report.

For notifications of a substance-exposed newborn, only reports by physicians are screened in. If anyone else reports a substance-exposed newborn, it could be screened out.

Screening

There are additional criteria to screen in reports of abuse of an unborn child and reports of possible medical neglect of a disabled infant.

Some counties have specialized screening staff, and other counties have workers with mixed caseloads (e.g. screening along with other functions).

There are no statewide education and experience requirements for qualifications for screeners, but counties may set their qualification requirements related to education and experience.

For county agency cases involving Tribal families, Tribes are not involved in the county agency's screening process. Some cases are also reported to a Tribal social services agency. In those cases, the Tribal social services agency conducts the screening process. As sovereign nations, Tribes will accept reports, screen reports, and manage cases according to their Tribal codes and policies.

Investigations

Some counties have specialized investigations staff, and other counties have workers with mixed caseloads (e.g. investigations along with other functions).

Court intake workers provide intake services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to screen children taken into custody and not released and the adult expectant mothers of unborn children taken into custody and not released.

There are no statewide education and experience requirements for qualifications for investigators, but counties may set their qualification requirements related to education and experience.

Child welfare response

When reports are screened out at Child Protective Services Access, agencies are encouraged to refer families to community resources when appropriate. When a report is screened out, but an agency decides to make an offer of services, the agency has initiated voluntary services (assessment and referral), which are optional for families.

Wisconsin will update its policies and no longer have alternative response in 2024.

Tribes may be involved in the foster care placement process. In some cases, a Tribal child may be placed in a home licensed by a Tribal social services agency. The involvement in foster care varies from Tribe to Tribe. In addition, Tribal social services agencies conduct all tasks related to foster care for cases that are within their jurisdiction. As sovereign nations, Tribes will accept reports, screen reports, and manage cases according to their Tribal codes and policies.

Cases with substantial abuse or neglect cannot be assigned to the alternative response pathway, including the following:

- (1) Present danger threats;
- (2) Children placed in foster care or adoption in violation of the law;
- (3) Injury due to use of weapons; and
- (4) Children receiving inadequate care while a parent is missing, incarcerated, hospitalized, or institutionalized.

Characteristics or criteria eligible for the alternative response pathway include the following:

- (1) Threatened harm;
- (2) Lack of care due to poverty or religious reasons;
- (3) Medical neglect of a disabled infant;
- (4) Presence of domestic violence;
- (5) Lack of supervision;
- (6) Lack of necessary medical care;
- (7) Untreated injuries, impairments, or illnesses;
- (8) Emotional damage;
- (9) Unborn child abuse and substance exposed/affected infants; and
- (10) Situational/one-time non-accidental injuries.

There are no statewide requirements for qualifications for foster care case managers, but counties may set their qualification requirements related to education and experience.

WYOMING

Definitions

Prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol is not considered maltreatment unless there are immediate safety concerns.

A child endangered by exposure (in person) to a parent's use of illicit methamphetamine or illicit fentanyl meets the definition of neglect.

Wyoming describes a near fatality as a "major injury."

APPENDIX D

State Statutes and Policy Documentation Sources



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ALABAMA

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