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#### Overview of the SCAN Policies Database

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

The project's purpose is to review and compile information from states' definitions and policies to create a database of those definitions and policies that can be used for analysis. The SCAN Policies Database is a resource for researchers, analysts, child welfare agency staff, and others interested in examining differences between states in their definitions and policies on child maltreatment and how they change over time.

#### Content

The scope of the SCAN Policies Database includes information about state definitions and policies related to child abuse and neglect for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The SCAN Policies Database team gathered this information through a document collection, review, and coding process. The team obtained input from states on data collection through a confirmation and verification process. More information about these data collection procedures can be found in the data user's guide and data collection protocol, accessible at <a href="https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources">https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources</a>.

The SCAN Policies Database 2023 represents data collected, reviewed, and verified between June 2023 and July 2024. The data reflect the state definitions and policies for the calendar year 2023. The scope of topics in the database includes states' definitions of child abuse and neglect, as well as information about policies related to reporting, screening, and investigating child maltreatment. Key aspects of the child welfare systems' response and context are also included.

The content in the SCAN Policies Database is organized into six domains. The state profiles, codebook, data collection protocol, and data file are also organized by these domains. In the protocol, each question begins with a letter prefix identifying the domain for each variable. The six domains with the identifying protocol number prefix are listed below.

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

### State profile

This SCAN Policies Database state profile is a summary of the information collected about the definitions and policies for the identified state. Each of the six domains contain a set of tables that depict the state's information for all variables within that domain.

The state profile presents data for each variable with "yes," "no," "unknown," or other response, as appropriate. The response of "unknown" appears for topics that could not be located from the state's available resources or verified with that state. In some cases, "logical skip" appears when a question was not applicable to a particular state, given a related response on a preceding question. Some information was not included in the state profile to ensure alignment with Executive Orders or other Presidential Actions.

#### Data use resources

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

- Data user's guide: The guide has detailed information about the data set, including the process used to collect and review the data, the scope of information included in the data set, guidance on using the data, such as how to link the data with other data sources, and notes about specific topics. The data user's guide includes appendices, including information about changes to the data between 2021 and 2023 that reflect changes to state laws and policies during that time period. There is one data user's guide that is updated and applicable for all rounds of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.
- **Codebook:** The codebook provides information about each variable in the data set, 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.
- **Errata statement:** The errata statement presents corrections applied to previous rounds of data for the SCAN Policies Database. Starting in 2023, there is one errata statement that is updated 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 states' laws and policies as part of the data review and coding process for each round of data collection. There are separate data collection protocols for each round of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.

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

#### More information

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

# State identifying information

Table I. State Identifying information

	Response
State abbreviation	AK
State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code	02
Census region code	West
State verified coding of information	Yes
State confirmed documents reviewed	Yes
State definitions and policies for calendar year	2023
Data version	2023v1

# **Domain D: Definitions of child maltreatment**

Table D.I. State's definition of child maltreatment

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

## Table D.I (continued)

	Response
3. Level of harm included in state's definition of	
child maltreatment	
a. Inflicts harm	Yes
b. Imminent danger or substantial risk of harm	Yes
Differences in level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment by type of maltreatment	No
5. Type of harm or injury specified in state's definition of child maltreatment	
Death, bodily injury, impairment of physical condition	Yes
b. Impairment of mental or emotional condition	Yes
c. Harmful environment, conditions	Yes
d. Type of harm or injury not specified	No
e. Other (specify)	No
Variation in extent of injury or harm by maltreatment type in the state's definition of child maltreatment	No
7. Perpetrator identified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	Yes
8. Types of perpetrators specified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	
a. Any person	Yes
b. Parent	Yes
c. Guardian	Yes
d. Caregiver/caretaker	Yes
e. Family member or parent's paramour	No
f. Household member	No
g. Person responsible for child	Yes
h. Other (specify)	No
Types of perpetrators vary by type of maltreatment	Yes
10. Explanation of variation in types of perpetrator by maltreatment type	Any person can be a perpetrator of physical injury or neglect, mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment
11. Child age included in definition of child maltreatment	Yes
12. Specific child age in definition of child maltreatment	Under age 18
13. Variability of child age by type of maltreatment	No

Table D.II. Child maltreatment definition exemptions

	Page				
		Response			
1.	Exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment				
a.	Financial issues, financial inability to provide for a child	Yes			
b.	Discipline; physical discipline, if it is reasonable and causes no bodily injury to the child	Yes			
C.	Safe haven exemption; newborn relinquished or abandoned in accordance with infant safe haven and safe surrender laws	Yes			
d.	Infant testing positive for drugs – medical; newborn with positive test for controlled substance due to parent's medical treatment	No			
e.	Religious observance; parent relies on spiritual or religious forms of medical treatment	No			
f.	Other exemption (specify)	No			
2.	Safe haven exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment				
a.	Must leave a child at specific safe haven locations or designated providers	Yes			
b.	Child must be left by parent or parent's agent	Yes			
C.	Child must be left by a certain age (specify)	Yes - 21 days old or younger			
d.	No intent to return	Yes			
e.	Child must be left unharmed	Yes			
f.	Other (specify)	No			

Table D.III. Definitions and response for child fatalities and near-fatalities cases

		Response
1.	State's definition of fatalities or deaths caused by child maltreatment	
a.	Not specified or defined	Yes
b.	Injury from abuse or neglect caused death	No
C.	Abuse or neglect was contributing factor in death	No
d.	Death of child who was in child welfare custody or foster care	No
e.	Other (specify)	No
2.	State conducts case reviews with a child fatality review team or a similar review process for fatalities caused by child abuse or neglect	Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases
3.	State's definition of near-fatalities or near-deaths caused by child maltreatment	
a.	Not specified or defined	No
b.	General reference to a serious or critical condition or injury that is life threatening with a substantial risk of death	Yes
C.	Specific injury or specific medical treatment or intervention (specify)	No
d.	Other (specify)	No
4.	State conducts case reviews with a review team or similar review process for near-fatalities caused by child abuse or neglect	Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases

# Domain R: Reporting child abuse and neglect

Table R.I. Reporting policies

	Table N.I. Reporting policies				
		Response			
1.	Statewide centralized reporting	Yes			
2.	Decentralized reporting	Logical Skip			
3.	Standard for reporting child maltreatment				
a.	Known abuse and neglect	Yes			
b.	Reasonable cause to believe a child was abused or neglected	Yes			
4.	Universal mandated reporting	No			
5.	Required training for mandated reporters	Yes, some mandated reporters			
6.	Penalties for failure to report	Yes, all mandated reporters			
7.	Specific penalties for failure to report				
a.	Criminal charges	Yes			
b.	Civil charges	No			
c.	Professional licensure suspended or revoked	No			
d.	Other (specify)	No			
8.	Penalties for false reporting	Yes			
9.	Specific penalties for false reporting				
a.	Criminal charges	No			
b.	Civil charges	Yes			
c.	Professional license suspended or revoked	No			
	Other (specify)	No			
10	Immunity for reporters of child abuse and neglect	Yes			
11	Information requested at the time of report				
a.	ldentifying information of child	Yes			
b.	Location and contact information of child and family	Yes			
c.	Type and severity of suspected maltreatment	Yes			
d.	Date of suspected maltreatment	Yes			
e.	Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s)	Yes			
f.	Identifying and other information of reporter	Yes			
g.	Identifying information of child's parents, guardian, or caregiver/caretaker	Yes			
h.	Identifying and other information of family or household members	Yes			
i.	Information on prior maltreatment	Yes			
j.	Other (specify)	Yes - Collateral contact information			

## Table R.I (continued)

	Response	
12. Anonymity of reporter	All reporters can remain anonymous	
13. Tribal involvement in state or local public child welfare agency's process to accept reports of Tribal cases	Yes, Tribes directly accept reports - Tribes not specified	
14. State requires all notifications of substance- exposed newborns (SENs) to be submitted as reports of child maltreatment		
State does not require all cases of SENs to be reported for child maltreatment, but they could be reported if they meet certain criteria	Yes	
State requires all SENs to be reported as child maltreatment	No	
c. Other (specify)	No	
15. Accepts reports of risk without an allegation of child maltreatment (risk-only reports)	Yes	

Table R.II. Types of mandated reporters

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

#### Table R.II (continued)

		Response	Response	Response
u.	Coroners or medical examiners	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
٧.	Staff or contractors of state and county agencies	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
w.	Other type of mandated reporter (specify)	Yes - Practitioners of the healing arts; Administrative officers of institutions; Members of a child fatality review team or multidisciplinary child protection team; Paid employees of domestic violence, sexual assault programs and crisis intervention programs	Yes - A mandated reporter employed by the state or by a school district	Yes - Practitioners of the healing arts; Administrative officers of institutions; Members of a child fatality review team or multidisciplinary child protection team; Paid employees of domestic violence, sexual assault programs and crisis intervention programs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Responses in this column can equal logical skip when the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no training is required for mandated reporters (Table R.II). Responses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table R.I) and all mandated reporters require training (Table R.II).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Responses in this column can equal logical skip when the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table R.I). Responses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table R.I) and when all adults or all mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table R.I).

# Domain S: Screening reports of child abuse and neglect

Table S.I. Screening policies

		Response
1.	Statewide centralized screening	Yes
2.	How screening is decentralized	Logical Skip
3.	Information required to screen in report	
a.	Identifying information of child	Yes
b.	Location and contact information of child and family	Yes
c.	Type and severity of suspected maltreatment	Yes
d.	Date of suspected maltreatment	Yes
e.	Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s)	Yes
f.	Other (specify)	No

Table S.II. Screening decision process and activities

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

### Table S.III. Screeners

		Response
1.	Screener of abuse and neglect reports	
a.	Caseworkers (frontline staff)	Yes
b.	Case managers (supervisors)	Yes
C.	Staff in specialized screening unit	No
d.	Other (specify)	No
2.	Qualifications of screener	
a.	Associate's degree	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	No
C.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for screening (specify)	Yes - Onboarding with a supervisor; Pre-Standards, Knowledge, and Insight Leading to Success (SKILS) trainings; SKILS trainings; Transfer of learning and intersession trainings; Field-based training with the mentor program
e.	Years of experience (specify)	No
f.	Other (specify)	Yes - Alaska's Office of Children's Services (OCS) uses competency-based hiring, which does not require specific education or experience, for child protection staff. Competencies include analytical thinking and problem solving, customer service, integrity and honesty, interpersonal skills, oral communication, and writing
3.	Degree in social work or related field for screeners	Logical Skip
4.	Tribal involvement in state or local public child welfare agency's process to screen Tribal cases	Yes, collaboration of Tribes with state/local public welfare agency to conduct screening - Tribes not specified

# Domain I: Investigations of child abuse and neglect

Table I.I. Investigations policies

		Response
1.	Findings from child maltreatment investigations can lead to criminal penalties	Yes
2.	Investigator for reports	
a.	Caseworkers (frontline staff)	Yes
b.	Case managers (supervisors)	No
c.	Staff in specialized investigations unit	No
d.	Law enforcement	Yes
e.	Other (specify)	Yes - Tribal representatives
3.	Qualifications of investigator	
a.	Associate's degree	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	No
C.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for conducting investigations (specify)	Yes - Onboarding with a supervisor; Pre-Standards, Knowledge, and Insight Leading to Success (SKILS) trainings; SKILS trainings; Transfer of learning and intersession trainings; Field-based training with the mentor program
e.	Years of experience (specify)	No
f.	Other (specify)	Yes - Alaska's Office of Children's Services (OCS) uses competency-based hiring, which does not require specific education or experience, for child protection staff. Competencies include analytical thinking and problem solving, customer service, integrity and honesty, interpersonal skills, oral communication, and writing
4.	Degree in social work or related field for investigators	Logical Skip
5.	Level of evidence required for substantiation (founded/indicated/confirmed)	Preponderance of evidence
6.	Investigation determination can result in an "inconclusive" finding	No

Table I.II. Required activities/information for investigation

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		Response	Required cases	types of cases
1.	Certain activities or information required for the investigation process	Yes		
2.	Specific activities or information required for investigation			
a.	Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
b.	Visit to child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
C.	Interview or observation of child victim	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
d.	Interview or observation of other children living in child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
e.	Risk or safety assessment	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
f.	Evaluation of home environment or home study	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
g.	Interviews with child's parents, caregivers, or other adults residing in child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
h.	Check of criminal records for adults in home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
i.	Check of child welfare or central registry for prior child maltreatment allegations against adults in home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
j.	Medical evaluation	Yes	Required for some	If a child discloses sexual abuse during an initial assessment of physical abuse or neglect at a Child Advocacy Center
k.	Mental health evaluation	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
I.	Interview alleged perpetrator	Yes	Required for some	When the alleged perpetrator lives in the home and it is not a sexual abuse or serious physical abuse case
m.	Interview reporter or collateral source	Yes	Required for some	In sexual abuse and serious physical abuse cases in which one of the parents/caretakers is the alleged perpetrator and before visiting the family
n.	Other (specify)	Yes - Contact another state's child welfare agency if the child has lived in another state; Coordinate with Tribe if necessary	Required for all	Not applicable

# **Domain W: Child welfare response**

Table W.I. Differential or alternative response

		Response
1.	Differential/alternative response	No
2.	Types of maltreatment eligible for differential/alternative response	Logical Skip
3.	Types of maltreatment <u>not</u> eligible for differential/alternative response	Logical Skip
4.	Eligibility for differential/alternative response determined by a risk determination	Logical Skip
5.	Tools used to determine risk for differential/alternative response	Logical Skip
6.	Risk level eligible for differential/alternative response	Logical Skip
7.	Other types of cases or conditions eligible for differential/alternative response	Logical Skip
8.	When is determination made for differential/alternative response	Logical Skip
9.	Referrals to community services for cases engaged in differential response	Logical Skip

Table W.II. In-home services, foster care, and permanency

		Response
1.	In-home services provided for unsubstantiated cases to maintain intact families	Yesimplemented statewide
2.	In-home services provided post reunification	Yesimplemented statewide
3.	Permanency	
a.	Kinship guardianship as a permanency option	Yes
b.	Subsidized guardianship	Yes
c.	Subsidized kinship guardianship	Yes
d.	Subsidized adoption	Yes
4.	Foster care case management staff	
a.	State/county public agency staff	Yes
b.	Contracted provider staff	No
C.	Tribal agency staff	Yes
5.	Qualifications of foster care case managers	
a.	Associate degree	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	No
c.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for case management (specify)	Yes - Onboarding with a supervisor; Pre-Standards, Knowledge, and Insight Leading to Success (SKILS) trainings; SKILS trainings; Transfer of learning and intersession trainings; Field-based training with the mentor program
e.	Years of experience (specify)	No
f.	Other (specify)	Yes - Alaska's Office of Children's Services (OCS) uses competency-based hiring, which does not require specific education or experience, for child protection staff. Competencies include analytical thinking and problem solving, customer service, integrity and honesty, interpersonal skills, oral communication, and writing
6.	Degree in social work or related field for foster care case managers	Logical Skip

# Table W.III. Tribal foster care and Tribes that directly operate Title IV-E programs through an agreement with HHS

		Response
1.	Tribal involvement in foster care for Tribal cases	Yes, Tribes within state provide foster care - Tribes not specified
2.	Tribes directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS	Yes
3.	Number of Tribes that directly operate a Title IV- E program through an agreement with US HHS	3
4.	Specify Tribes that directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS	Aleut Community of St. Paul Island; Kenaitze Indian Tribe; Maniilaq Association

### Table W.IV. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

	Response
Federal ICWA requirements codified in state law	No
2. Federal ICWA requirements that are codified in state law	Logical Skip
State law codifying ICWA includes state- recognized Tribes	Logical Skip

### Table W.V. Extended foster care

		Response
1.	Foster care extension for youth older than age	Yes
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2.	Age youth are allowed to remain in extended foster care	Up to age 21 (until 21st birthday)
3.	Youth must proactively request, provide	Yes
	consent, or opt-in to receive extended foster care	
4.	Criteria for youth to remain in extended foster	
	care	
а.	There are no criteria to remain in extended foster care	No
b.	Enrolled in school	No
C.	Employed	No
d.	Participating in workforce development/training program	No
e.	Comply with independent living/self-sufficiency plan	No
f.	Receive independent living or other services	No
g.	Medical condition exemption	No
h.	Other (specify)	Yes - If continued state custody is in the child's best interests
5.	Reentry to extended foster care allowed for youth older than age 18 who aged out or left foster care	Yes
6.	Conditions for youth to reenter extended foster care	
a.	Youth consent or sign a voluntary placement agreement	Yes
b.	Youth develop an independent living plan	No
c.	It is in the best interest of the youth	No
a.	Other (specify)	Yes - Youth was placed in out-of-home care by the department immediately prior to being released from state custody, and the person was 1) released to the person's own custody after reaching age 18, 2) at least 16 years of age and emancipated, 3) at least 16 years of age and released to the custody of a parent or guardian because the person refused out-of-home care and has reached the age of 18, or 4) at least 16 years of age and released to the custody of a parent or guardian because the person refused out-of-home care, has not reached the age of 18, and grounds for filing a child in need of aid petition do not exist; If requested by the department, agrees to reasonable terms for resuming state custody that may include matters relating to the person's education, attainment of a job or life skills, or other terms found by the court to be reasonable and in the person's best interest

# **Domain C: Child welfare system context**

Table C.I. Child welfare system context

	Response
State- or county-administered child welfare system	State-administered
2. State operates under legal consent decree or other court-ordered monitoring	No

# **Supplemental Notes on State**

### 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.

In-home services are provided based on determinations of whether families are in need of services rather than maltreatment substantiation.

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