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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 https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources.

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 | ſ |
| Child welfare response | W |
| Child welfare system context | С |

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

More information

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

State identifying information

Table I. State Identifying information

| | Response |
|---|----------|
| State abbreviation | IN |
| State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code | 18 |
| Census region code | Midwest |
| 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

| Labie | B.I. State's definition of child mattreatme | |
|-------|---|----------------|
| | | Response |
| | ypes of maltreatment included in state efinition | |
| a. Pł | hysical abuse | Yes |
| b. Ex | xcessive corporal punishment | Yes |
| c. Se | exual abuse | Yes |
| d. Er | motional maltreatment | Yes |
| e. N | eglect | Yes |
| f. In | nadequate clothing | Yes |
| g. In | nad equate shelter | Yes |
| h. M | lalnourishment, inadequate food | Yes |
| i. M | ledical neglect, inadequate medical care | Yes |
| j. Fa | ailure to thrive | Yes |
| k. Ed | ducational neglect | Yes |
| I. Al | bandonment | Yes |
| | njurious environment. Likelihood of harm to child's ealth, physical well-being | Yes |
| | rug lab. Child present within structure where nethamphetamine is being created | Yes |
| | nadequate supervision. Failure to meet parent or aretaker responsibilities | Yes |
| | rug or alcohol misuse. Parental drug or alcohol nisuse causing harm to child | Yes |
| q. Pr | renatal exposure to drugs or alcohol | Yes |
| | licit substance. Illegally providing a controlled ubstance to a child | Yes |
| | uman trafficking, involuntary servitude, sexual ervitude | Yes |
| t. Fe | emale genital mutilation | Yes |
| u. Sł | haken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma | Yes |
| v. Fa | ailure to protect. Failure to protect from harm | Yes |
| w. De | omestic violence. Exposure to domestic violence | Yes |
| x. Fa | actitious disorder by proxy | Yes |
| y. In | stitutional abuse/neglect | Yes |
| z. O | ther definition (specify) | No |
| | ubtypes of maltreatment included in state efinition | |
| a. Sı | ubtypes of maltreatment considered abuse | Not applicable |
| b. Sı | ubtypes of maltreatment considered neglect | Not applicable |
| | ubtypes of maltreatment considered other than buse or neglect | Not applicable |
| | evel of harm included in state's definition of hild maltreatment | |
| a. In | nflicts harm | Yes |
| b. In | nminent danger or substantial risk of harm | Yes |

Table D.I (continued)

| | | Response | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| 4. | Differences in level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment by type of maltreatment | No | | |
| 5. | Type of harm or injury specified in state's definition of child maltreatment | | | |
| a. | Death, bodily injury, impairment of physical condition | Yes | | |
| b. | Impairment of mental or emotional condition | Yes | | |
| c. | Harmful environment, conditions | Yes | | |
| d. | Type of harm or injury not specified | Yes | | |
| e. | Other (specify) | No | | |
| 6. | Variation in extent of injury or harm by maltreatment type in the state's definition of child maltreatment | Yes - For neglect, emotional maltreatment, or physical abuse, the extent of harm is both physical and mental condition; For abandonment, the extent of harm is harmful environment/conditions | | |
| 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 | 0 | | |
| f. | Household member | Yes | | |
| g. | Person responsible for child | Yes | | |
| h. | Other (specify) | No | | |
| 9. | Types of perpetrators vary by type of maltreatment | Yes | | |
| 10. Explanation of variation in types of perpetrator by maltreatment type | | For sexual abuse, there is no requirement for the perpetrator to be the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, which is required for all other types of maltreatment | | |
| 11. | . Child age included in definition of child maltreatment | Yes | | |
| 12. | . Specific child age in definition of child maltreatment | Under age 18 with variability under 18 | | |
| 13. Variability of child age by type of maltreatment | | Yes - For certain acts of sexual abuse, the child's age can vary between age 14 to under age 18 | | |

Table D.II. Child maltreatment definition exemptions

| | | 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 | Yes |
| e. | Religious observance; parent relies on spiritual or religious forms of medical treatment | Yes |
| f. | Other exemption (specify) | Yes - Inadequate food, or signs of malnutrition and considered a type of neglect but fasting for religious reason is excluded |
| 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 - 30 days old or younger |
| d. | No intent to return | Yes |
| e. | Child must be left unharmed | Yes |
| f. | Other (specify) | No |

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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 | No |
| b. | Injury from abuse or neglect caused death | Yes |
| C. | Abuse or neglect was contributing factor in death | Yes |
| 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 can be conducted but are not required |

Domain R: Reporting child abuse and neglect

Table R.I. Reporting policies

| | | Response | | |
|-----|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Statewide centralized reporting | Yes | | |
| 2. | Decentralized reporting | Logical Skip | | |
| 3. | Standard for reporting child maltreatment | | | |
| a. | | No | | |
| b. | Reasonable cause to believe a child was abused or neglected | Yes | | |
| 4. | Universal mandated reporting | Yes | | |
| 5. | Required training for mandated reporters | Yes, some mandated reporters | | |
| 6. | Penalties for failure to report | Yes, all adults | | |
| 7. | Specific penalties for failure to report | | | |
| a. | Criminal charges | Yes | | |
| b. | Civil charges | No | | |
| C. | Professional licensure suspended or revoked | No | | |
| d. | Other (specify) | No | | |
| 8. | Penalties for false reporting | Yes | | |
| 9. | Specific penalties for false reporting | | | |
| a. | Criminal charges | Yes | | |
| b. | Civil charges | Yes | | |
| C. | Professional license suspended or revoked | No | | |
| d. | 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 | No | | |
| j. | Other (specify) | No | | |

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 | No, Tribes are not involved | |
| 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 | |
| b. 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

| . ax | able K.II. Types of mandated reporters | | | | |
|------|--|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| | | Response | Response | Response | |
| 1. | Types of mandated reporters | Included in state's definition of mandated reporters | Training required ¹ | Subject to penalties for failure to report ² | |
| a. | Foster parents | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| b. | School staff - teachers | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| | School bus drivers or other transportation staff | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| d. | Before- /after-school program staff | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| e. | Child care staff | Yes | No | Yes | |
| f. | Camp counselors, directors, or administrators | Yes | No | Yes | |
| 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 | Yes | Yes | |
| k. | Police or other law enforcement | Yes | No | Yes | |
| I. | Emergency medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency personnel | Yes | No | Yes | |
| m. | Judges | Yes | No | Yes | |
| n. | District attorneys or other attorneys | Yes | No | Yes | |
| 0. | Guardians ad litem or court-appointed special advocates | Yes | No | Yes | |
| p. | Other court personnel | Yes | No | Yes | |
| q. | Shelter staff | Yes | No | Yes | |
| r. | Those who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film, or computer images | Yes | No | Yes | |
| S. | Religious clergy | Yes | No | Yes | |
| t. | Volunteers | Yes | No | Yes | |
| u. | Coroners or medical examiners | Yes | No | Yes | |
| ٧. | Staff or contractors of state and county agencies | Yes | No | Yes | |

Table R.II (continued)

| | Response | Response | Response |
|--|------------------|----------|------------------|
| w. Other type of mandated reporter (specify) | Yes - Any adults | No | Yes - All adults |

¹ 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).

² 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 | No |
| b. | Location and contact information of child and family | Yes |
| C. | Type and severity of suspected maltreatment | Yes |
| d. | Date of suspected maltreatment | No |
| e. | Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s) | No |
| f. | Other (specify) | Yes - Whether the alleged child abuse and/or neglect occurred within the state of Indiana, and if so, whether there is any current risk of harm to the child in Indiana. |

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Table S.II. Screening decision process and activities

| | <u> </u> | | | Conditions or |
|----|--|----------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Required | types of |
| | | Response | cases | cases |
| 1. | Decision processes used during screening | | | |
| a. | Supervisory review | Yes | Required for all | _ |
| b. | Team-based decision | No | Logical Skip | _ |
| c. | Individual screener | No | Logical Skip | _ |
| d. | Other (specify) | No | Logical Skip | _ |
| e. | Unknown | No | _ | _ |
| 2. | Variability of decision process used for screening | | | |
| a. | Consistent statewide | Yes | _ | _ |
| b. | Varies locally | No | _ | _ |
| 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) | No | Logical Skip | Not applicable |
| 5. | Types of safety or risk assessment used during screening | | | |
| a. | Structured decision making | Yes | _ | _ |
| b. | Other (specify) | No | _ | _ |
| 6. | Consistency of screening activities/information | | | |
| a. | Consistent statewide | Yes | — | — |
| b. | Varies locally (specify) | No | _ | _ |

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 | Yes |
| d. | Other (specify) | No |
| 2. | Qualifications of screener | |
| a. | Associate's degree | Yes |
| b. | Bachelor's degree | Yes |
| C. | Master's degree | No |
| d. | Training for screening (specify) | No |
| e. | Years of experience (specify) | Yes - A Bachelor's degree can be supplemented by either: (1) An Associate degree with a minimum of two years of human services job experience; (2) Completion of 30 college credit hours from an accredited institution with a minimum of four years of human services job experience; or (3) A minimum of at least five years of human services job experience |
| f. | Other (specify) | No |
| 3. | Degree in social work or related field for screeners | No |
| 4. | Tribal involvement in state or local public child welfare agency's process to screen Tribal cases | No, Tribes are not involved |

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 | Yes |
| d. | Law enforcement | No |
| e. | Other (specify) | No |
| 3. | Qualifications of investigator | |
| a. | Associate's degree | Yes |
| b. | Bachelor's degree | Yes |
| c. | Master's degree | No |
| d. | Training for conducting investigations (specify) | No |
| e. | Years of experience (specify) | Yes - A Bachelor's degree can be supplemented by either: (1) An Associate degree with a minimum of two years of human services job experience; (2) Completion of 30 college credit hours from an accredited institution with a minimum of four years of human services job experience; or (3) A minimum of at least five years of human services job experience |
| f. | Other (specify) | No |
| 4. | Degree in social work or related field for investigators | No |
| 5. | Level of evidence required for substantiation (founded/indicated/confirmed) | Preponderance of evidence |
| 6. | Investigation determination can result in an "inconclusive" finding | No |

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Table I.II. Required activities/information for investigation

| | Die I.II. Required activities/iiii | ormanon for myoonge | 1 | |
|----|--|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| | | _ | | Conditions or types |
| | | Response | Required cases | of cases |
| 1. | Certain activities or information required for the investigation process | Yes | | |
| 2. | Specific activities or information required for investigation | | | |
| а. | Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| b. | Visit to child's home | Yes | Required for some | Alleged incident occurred at home or there are concerns about the condition of the home |
| C. | Interview or observation of child victim | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| d. | Interview or observation of other children living in child's home | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| e. | Risk or safety assessment | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| f. | Evaluation of home environment or home study | Yes | Required for some | Alleged incident occurred at home or there are concerns about the condition of the home |
| 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 | Physical abuse; Sexual abuse; Child has been removed from a home with a contaminating controlled substance; Child is under 2 years old and shaking or a head injury is alleged |
| k. | Mental health evaluation | Yes | Required for some | (1) The child's Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment indicates a need for a full mental health assessment; (2) The child exhibits behaviors that would cause a reasonable person to believe he or she is a danger to him or herself and/or others |

Table I.II (continued)

| | Response | Required cases | Conditions or types of cases |
|--|--|-------------------|---|
| I. Interview alleged perpetrator | Yes | Required for some | Required unless an attorney representing the alleged perpetrator informs the Department of Child Services (DCS) that their client will not participate; The alleged perpetrator's identity is unknown or they cannot be found; The alleged perpetrator is a child and their parent, guardian, or custodian does not consent; The alleged perpetrator has already been interviewed by law enforcement and DCS can get a copy of the report and a transcript or recording |
| m. Interview reporter or collateral source | Yes | Required for all | Not applicable |
| n. Other (specify) | Yes - Notify the parent, guardian, or custodian of the allegation; Provide child's caregiver and alleged perpetrator copy of the report; Review safety assessment with supervisor; Activate the AlertMedia app prior to face-to-face interactions with clients and utilize the AlertMedia app throughout each interaction; Ask the parent, guardian, or custodian to sign the Release for Use of Photographs form, and if the signature is obtained, take photographs of all children in the home. | Required for all | Not applicable |

Domain W: Child welfare response

Table W.I. Differential or alternative response

| | Response |
|---|--------------|
| 1. Differential/alternative response | No |
| 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 |
| Risk level eligible for differential/alternative response | Logical Skip |
| 7. Other types of cases or conditions eligible for differential/alternative response | Logical Skip |
| When is determination made for differential/alternative response | Logical Skip |
| Referrals to community services for cases engaged in differential response | Logical Skip |

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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 | No |
| 5. | Qualifications of foster care case managers | |
| a. | Associate degree | Yes |
| b. | Bachelor's degree | Yes |
| c. | Master's degree | No |
| d. | Training for case management (specify) | No |
| e. | Years of experience (specify) | Yes - A Bachelor's degree can be supplemented by either: (1) An Associate degree with a minimum of two years of human services job experience; (2) Completion of 30 college credit hours from an accredited institution with a minimum of four years of human services job experience; or (3) A minimum of at least five years of human services job experience |
| f. | Other (specify) | No |
| 6. | Degree in social work or related field for foster care case managers | No |

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 - The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians |
| 2. | Tribes directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS | No |
| 3. | Number of Tribes that directly operate a Title IV- E program through an agreement with US HHS | Logical Skip |
| 4. | Specify Tribes that directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS | Not applicable |

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

| | | Response |
|----|---|--------------|
| 1. | Federal ICWA requirements codified in state law | No |
| 2. | Federal ICWA requirements that are codified in state law | Logical Skip |
| 3. | 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 18 | Yes |
| 2. | Age youth are allowed to remain in extended foster care | Up to age 21 (until 21st birthday) |
| 3. | Youth must proactively request, provide consent, or opt-in to receive extended foster care | Yes |
| 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 | Yes |
| C. | Employed | Yes |
| d. | Participating in workforce development/training program | Yes |
| e. | Comply with independent living/self-sufficiency plan | No |
| f. | Receive independent living or other services | No |
| g. | Medical condition exemption | Yes |
| h. | Other (specify) | No |
| 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 | |
| а. | 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 |
| d. | Other (specify) | No |

Domain C: Child welfare system context

Table C.I. Child welfare system context

| | | Response |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1. | 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

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.

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