

SCAN Policies Database State Profile 2023: Rhode Island

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

More information

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

State identifying information

Table I. State Identifying information

	Response
State abbreviation	RI
State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code	44
Census region code	Northeast
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

		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
١.	Abandonment	Yes
m.	Injurious environment. Likelihood of harm to child's health, physical well-being	Νο
n.	Drug lab. Child present within structure where methamphetamine is being created	No
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	No
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
х.	Factitious disorder by proxy	Yes
у.	Institutional abuse/neglect	Yes
Z.	Other definition (specify)	Yes - Other abuse or neglect including any action or lack of action which results in harm or potential harm to the physical, mental health, behavioral health or welfare of the child and which is not covered by the other allegations
2.	Subtypes of maltreatment included in state definition	
a.	Subtypes of maltreatment considered abuse	Not applicable
b.	Subtypes of maltreatment considered neglect	Not applicable
C.	Subtypes of maltreatment considered other than abuse or neglect	Not applicable

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

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
4.	Differences in level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment by type of maltreatment	Νο
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	No
e.	Other (specify)	No
6.	Variation in extent of injury or harm by maltreatment type in the state's definition of child maltreatment	Νο
7.	Perpetrator identified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	Yes
8.	Types of perpetrators specified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	
a.	Any person	Yes
b.	Parent	Yes
C.	Guardian	Yes
d.	Caregiver/caretaker	Yes
e.	Family member or parent's paramour	No
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	The perpetrator of sexual abuse of a child can be another child; Any person can be a perpetrator of sex trafficking
11	Child age included in definition of child maltreatment	Yes
12	Specific child age in definition of child maltreatment	Under age 18 and up to 21 if in the care of the agency
13	. Variability of child age by type of maltreatment	Yes - A child includes persons up to age 21 if either 1) involved with the department and a victim of sex trafficking or is at risk of being a victim of sex trafficking or 2) if the youth is residing in foster or institutional care or is in department custody

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	No
b.	Discipline; physical discipline, if it is reasonable and causes no bodily injury to the child	No
c.	Safe haven exemption; newborn relinquished or abandoned in accordance with infant safe haven 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)	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 - 30 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	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 are required for all or some cases

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.	Known abuse and neglect	Yes
b.	Reasonable cause to believe a child was abused or neglected	Yes
4.	Universal mandated reporting	Yes
5.	Required training for mandated reporters	No
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	No
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.	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)	No
f.	Identifying and other information of reporter	Yes
_	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	
a. 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)	No

Table R.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	Logical Skip	Yes
b.	School staff - teachers	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
C.	School bus drivers or other transportation staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
d.	Before- /after-school program staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
e.	Child care staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
f.	Camp counselors, directors, or administrators	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
g.	Athletic coaches or staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
h.	Medical or dental professionals	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
i.	Substance abuse disorder treatment providers	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
j.	Mental health, counselors, or other social service professionals	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
k.	Police or other law enforcement	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
١.	Emergency medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency personnel	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
m.	Judges	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
n.	District attorneys or other attorneys	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
0.	Guardians ad litem or court-appointed special advocates	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
p.	Other court personnel	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
q.	Shelter staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
r.	Those who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film, or computer images	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
s.	Religious clergy	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
t.	Volunteers	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
u.	Coroners or medical examiners	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
۷.	Staff or contractors of state and county agencies	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes

Table R.II (continued)

	Response	Response	Response
w. Other type of mandated reporter (specify)	Yes - Any adults	Logical Skip	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

		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)	Νο
f.	Other (specify)	No

Table S.II. Screening decision process and activities

	Response	Required cases	Conditions or types of cases
1. Decision processes used during screening			
a. Supervisory review	Yes	Required for all	—
b. Team-based decision	No	Logical Skip	—
c. Individual screener	No	Logical Skip	—
d. Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	—
e. Unknown	No	—	—
2. Variability of decision process used for screening			
a. Consistent statewide	Yes	_	_
b. Varies locally	No	—	—
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
 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	No
d.	Other (specify)	No
2.	Qualifications of screener	
a.	Associate's degree	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	Yes
C.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for screening (specify)	Yes - New Worker Training consists of 26-week core curriculum courses on DCYF procedure and protocols, comprehensive assessment, service planning, safety, risk, and protective capacity, family engagement, and building health engagement; All staff are required to complete 20 hours of training annually
e.	Years of experience (specify)	Yes - 2-3 years of full-time employment in a private or public agency in the field of human services casework with experience assessing and working with families and providing direct services in the community related to child welfare, child safety and child well-being
f.	Other (specify)	Yes - Valid driver's license.
3.	Degree in social work or related field for screeners	Yes, required
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	1.1.	Investigations	policies
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		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)	Yes
c.	Staff in specialized investigations unit	No
d.	Law enforcement	Yes
e.	Other (specify)	No
3.	Qualifications of investigator	
a.	Associate's degree	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	Yes
c.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for conducting investigations (specify)	Yes - New Worker Training consists of 26-week core curriculum courses on DCYF procedure and protocols, comprehensive assessment, service planning, safety, risk, and protective capacity, family engagement, and building health engagement; All staff are required to complete 20 hours of training annually
e.	Years of experience (specify)	Yes - 2-3 years of full-time employment in a private or public agency in the field of human services casework with experience assessing and working with families and providing direct services in the community related to child welfare, child safety and child well-being
f.	Other (specify)	Yes - Valid driver's license
4.	Degree in social work or related field for investigators	Yes, required
5.	Level of evidence required for substantiation (founded/indicated/confirmed)	Preponderance of evidence
6.	Investigation determination can result in an "inconclusive" finding	Νο

Table I.II. Required	activities/information	for investigation
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		Response	Required cases	Conditions or 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	Child fatalities; Physical abuse; Sexual abuse; Reports meeting investigation criteria for serious, critical injury, child near fatality or child fatality
k.	Mental health evaluation	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
١.	Interview alleged perpetrator	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
m.	Interview reporter or collateral source	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
n.	Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable

Domain W: Child welfare response

Table W.I. Differential or alternative response

		Response
1.	Differential/alternative response	Yesimplemented statewide
2.	Types of maltreatment eligible for differential/alternative response	All types of maltreatment are eligible
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	Yes
	Tools used to determine risk for differential/alternative response	Yes - Standardized screening tool
6.	Risk level eligible for differential/alternative response	
a.	No risk	No
b.	Low risk	No
с.	Moderate risk	No
d.	Other (specify)	No
e.	Unknown	Yes
7.	Other types of cases or conditions eligible for differential/alternative response	
a.	No other cases or conditions	No
b.	No immediate safety concerns	No
c.	No or few prior reports of child abuse or neglect	No
	Other (specify)	Yes - Risk areas and vulnerability factors that warrant a family assessment response include the following: (1) Children age 6 and younger, (2) Caretaker or child's emotional, physical, or developmental condition, (3) Circumstances indicating that the caregiver's protective capacity might be compromised, (4) Prior report within a 12-month period involving a family with a child age 6 or younger, or with two or more children, (5) One or more prior reports received about a family within a three- month period, (6) Prior indicated investigation or removal within the past 12 months, (7) Any other risk factors that might compromise the well-being of the child, (8) Whether the report was called in by a professional mandated reporter In-home services are available from contracted community providers. The state's case managers who are assigned to children manage the child's service plan regardless of the placement (foster care, congregate care, home placement, etc.).
8.	When is determination made for differential/alternative response	
a.	At the time of screening to assign to differential response	Yes
b.	After a report is screened in	No
	Other (specify)	No
9.	Referrals to community services for cases engaged in differential response	
a.	No	No

Table W.I (continued)

	Response
b. Yes - for all cases	No
c. Yes - when families express interest	No
d. Yes - when there is a determination of risk	Yes
e. Yes - other (specify)	No

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	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	Yes
c.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for case management (specify)	Yes - New Worker Training consists of 26-week core curriculum courses on DCYF procedure and protocols, comprehensive assessment, service planning, safety, risk, and protective capacity, family engagement, and building health engagement; All staff are required to complete 20 hours of training annually
e.	Years of experience (specify)	Yes - 2 years of experience in the field of family and children services
f.	Other (specify)	Yes - Valid driver's license
6.	Degree in social work or related field for foster care case managers	Yes, required

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	No, Tribes within state do not provide foster care
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	
a.	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	Yes
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	
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
d.	Other (specify)	Yes - Same criteria as remaining in extended foster care

Domain C: Child welfare system context

Table C.I. Child welfare system context

	Response
tate- or county-administered child welfare ystem	State-administered
tate operates under legal consent decree or ther court-ordered monitoring	Yes - Sam and Tony M. vs. Carcieri; Office of the Child Advocate vs. Rossi; Andrew C. vs. Raimondo; Office of the Child Advocate vs. Lindgren

Supplemental Notes on State

Reporting

When making a report, the reporter will only be asked for personal information if not making the call anonymously.

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