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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

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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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 Version 2 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:
 - i. 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.
4. 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 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 NDACANsupport@cornell.edu. 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/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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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

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Definition:	Census regional code for all states except Puerto Rico, which is given a unique identifier of 999
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4	West	13	25.00
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Variable Label:	Data version
Definition:	Version of data, which can be updated over time to reflect corrections
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DEFINITIONS DOMAIN

Definitions of Child Maltreatment

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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		
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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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	47	90.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	Def_Emoational		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	Def_FailuretoThrive		
Variable Label:	Definition includes failure to thrive		
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:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	42	80.77

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	16	30.77
1	Yes	36	69.23

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	45	86.54

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	8	15.38
1	Yes	44	84.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	43	82.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	13	25.00
1	Yes	39	75.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	40	76.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	30	57.69
1	Yes	22	42.31

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	46	88.46

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	47	90.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	15	28.85
1	Yes	37	71.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	27	51.92
1	Yes	25	48.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	Def_InstitutionalAbuseNeglect		
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-of-home 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:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	25	48.08
1	Yes	27	51.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Variable Name:		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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	30	57.69
1	Yes	22	42.31

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

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

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	40	76.92
1	Yes	12	23.08

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	47	90.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	48	92.31
1	Yes	4	7.69

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	46	88.46
1	Yes	6	11.54

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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	42	80.77
1	Yes	10	19.23

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	3	5.77
1	Yes	49	94.23

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	46	88.46

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	27	51.92
1	Yes	25	48.08

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	20	38.46
1	Yes	32	61.54

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	28	53.85
1	Yes	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	40	76.92
1	Yes	12	23.08

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	40	76.92

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	DefAge_Specify
Variable Label:	Age of child specified in definition
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:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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 variability over 18	2	3.85
8	Under age 19	1	1.92

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	29	55.77
1	Yes	23	44.23

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	Exempt_FinancialIssues
Variable Label:	Exemption from definition-financial issues
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:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	20	38.46
1	Yes	32	61.54

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	42	80.77

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	23	44.23
1	Yes	29	55.77

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	41	78.85

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	37	71.15
1	Yes	15	28.85

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	46	88.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	17	32.69
1	Yes	35	67.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	SafeHaven_ChildUnharmmed		
Variable Label:	Safe haven exemption requires child be left unharmmed		
Definition:	Safe haven exemption requires child to be left unharmmed		
Protocol Number:	D10_3_5		
Variable Type:	Numeric		
Universe:	52		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	16	30.77
1	Yes	36	69.23

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	48	92.31
1	Yes	4	7.69

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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	49	94.23
1	Yes	3	5.77

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	41	78.85

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	19	36.54
1	Yes	33	63.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	34	65.38
1	Yes	18	34.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	44	84.62
1	Yes	8	15.38

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	52

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	0

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	47	90.38
1	Yes	5	9.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	8	15.38
1	Yes	44	84.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	44	84.62
1	Yes	8	15.38

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	49	94.23
1	Yes	3	5.77

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	37	71.15
99	Other	5	9.62

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	10

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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 reporting hotline	1	1.92
66	Logical Skip	42	80.77
99	Other	2	3.85

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	20	38.46
1	Yes	32	61.54

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	34	65.38
1	Yes	18	34.62

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	8	15.38
1	Yes	44	84.62

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	40	76.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	40	76.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
Universe:	52		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	2	3.85
1	Yes	50	96.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	15	28.85
1	Yes	37	71.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	13	25.00
1	Yes	39	75.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	Reporter_MedicalDental		
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:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	42	80.77

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	8	15.38
1	Yes	44	84.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	28	53.85
1	Yes	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	25	48.08
1	Yes	27	51.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	Reporter_GALCASA		
Variable Label:	Mandated reporter-guardian ad litem		
Definition:	Guardian ad Litem (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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	19	36.54
1	Yes	33	63.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes	31	59.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes	31	59.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	25	48.08
1	Yes	27	51.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	43	82.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	22	42.31
1	Yes	30	57.69

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	40	76.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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 health, 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	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	17	32.69
1	Yes	35	67.31

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	48	92.31

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	8	15.38
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	19

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	2	3.85
1	Yes	17	32.69
66	Logical Skip	32	61.54
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	10	19.23
66	Logical Skip	37	71.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	8	15.38
66	Logical Skip	38	73.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	8	15.38
66	Logical Skip	32	61.54
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Protocol Number:		R4_1_6	
Variable Type:		Numeric	
Universe:		52	
N:		12	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	5	9.62
66	Logical Skip	40	76.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	38	73.08

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	14	26.92
1	Yes	5	9.62
66	Logical Skip	32	61.54
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	35	67.31
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	13	25.00
1	Yes	6	11.54
66	Logical Skip	32	61.54
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		19	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	15	28.85
1	Yes	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	32	61.54
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	36	69.23
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	1	1.92
66	Logical Skip	45	86.54
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ReporterTraining_DAAAttorneys		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	43	82.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ReporterTraining_GALCASA
Variable Label:	Reporter training-guardian ad litem
Definition:	Training is required for mandated reporters who are Guardian ad Litem (GALs) or Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs)
Protocol Number:	R4_1_15
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	13

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	3	5.77
66	Logical Skip	38	73.08
88	Unknown	1	1.92

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	1	1.92
66	Logical Skip	42	80.77

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	10

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	3	5.77
66	Logical Skip	42	80.77

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	8	15.38
1	Yes	1	1.92
66	Logical Skip	42	80.77
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
Universe:	52		
N:	15		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	13	25.00
1	Yes	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	36	69.23
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	1	1.92
66	Logical Skip	42	80.77

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		15	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	36	69.23
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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 health, parks and recreation, public housing, public assistance, children and youth services, developmental disabilities, and juvenile		
Protocol Number:	R4_1_22		
Variable Type:	Numeric		
Universe:	52		
N:	12		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	3	5.77
66	Logical Skip	40	76.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ReporterTraining_Other		
Variable Label:	Reporter training-other		
Definition:	Training is required for other identified mandated reporters		
Protocol Number:	R4_1_99		
Variable Type:	Numeric		
Universe:	52		
N:	19		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	8	15.38
66	Logical Skip	32	61.54
88	Unknown	1	1.92

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes, all adults	19	36.54
2	Yes, all mandated reporters	29	55.77
3	Yes, some mandated reporters	4	7.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	44	84.62
66	Logical Skip	8	15.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	39	75.00
66	Logical Skip	12	23.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
Universe:	52		
N:	40		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	39	75.00
66	Logical Skip	12	23.08

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	49	94.23
66	Logical Skip	2	3.85

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	37	71.15
66	Logical Skip	14	26.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	39	75.00
66	Logical Skip	13	25.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	42	80.77
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	44	84.62
66	Logical Skip	7	13.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ReporterPenalty_Judges		
Variable Label:	Failure to report penalties-judges		
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:	25		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	25	48.08
66	Logical Skip	27	51.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ReporterPenalty_DAAAttorneys		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	28	53.85
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ReporterPenalty_GALCASA		
Variable Label:	Penalties-guardian ad litem		
Definition:	Mandated reporters who are Guardian ad Litem (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		
N:	34		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	33	63.46
66	Logical Skip	18	34.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	31	59.62
66	Logical Skip	20	38.46

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	31	59.62
66	Logical Skip	20	38.46

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Variable Name:		ReporterPenalty_Images	
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:		28	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	28	53.85
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	43	82.69
66	Logical Skip	8	15.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	30	57.69
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	39	75.00
66	Logical Skip	12	23.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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 health, 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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	35	67.31
66	Logical Skip	17	32.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ReporterPenalty_Other		
Variable Label:	Failure to report penalties-other		
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:	48		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	48	92.31
66	Logical Skip	4	7.69

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	3	5.77
1	Yes	49	94.23

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	37	71.15
1	Yes	15	28.85

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	46	88.46
1	Yes	6	11.54

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	44	84.62
1	Yes	8	15.38

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	43	82.69

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	37	71.15
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
N:		43	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	25	48.08
1	Yes	18	34.62
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	41	78.85
1	Yes	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	35	67.31
1	Yes	8	15.38
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	41	78.85

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	47	90.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	3	5.77
1	Yes	49	94.23

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	46	88.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	45	86.54

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	16	30.77
1	Yes	36	69.23

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ReportInfo_Other		
Variable Label:	Required report information-other		
Definition:	Other information requested at time of report		
Protocol Number:	R8_99		
Variable Type:	Numeric		
Universe:	52		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	24	46.15
1	Yes	28	53.85

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

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No, Tribes are not involved	23	44.23
1	Yes, Tribes directly accept reports	14	26.92
2	Yes, collaboration of Tribes with state/local public welfare agency to accept reports	1	1.92
3	Yes, Tribes directly accept reports and collaborate with state/local public child welfare agency	3	5.77
4	No, there are no Tribes within the state	11	21.15

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	18	34.62
1	Yes	34	65.38

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	34	65.38
1	Yes	18	34.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	52	100.00

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	25	48.08
1	Yes	26	50.00
99	Other	1	1.92

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	15	28.85
1	Yes	37	71.15

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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 screening unit	1	1.92
66	Logical Skip	37	71.15

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	16	30.77
1	Yes	36	69.23

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	17	32.69
1	Yes	35	67.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	47	90.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	35	67.31
1	Yes	17	32.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	23	44.23
1	Yes	29	55.77

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	23	44.23
1	Yes	29	55.77

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	48	92.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	45	86.54
1	Yes	7	13.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	34	65.38
1	Yes	18	34.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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:	S3_99
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	50	96.15
1	Yes	2	3.85

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	51	98.08
1	Yes	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>			
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			
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>		<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all		32	61.54
2	Required for some		16	30.77
66	Logical Skip		4	7.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>			
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			
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>		<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all		2	3.85
2	Required for some		5	9.62
66	Logical Skip		45	86.54

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
N:	18		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	16	30.77
2	Required for some	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	50	96.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Consistent statewide	49	94.23
2	Varies locally	3	5.77

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ScreenReq_RiskAssess		
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:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	9	17.31
1	Yes	43	82.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	46	88.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	27	51.92
1	Yes	25	48.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ScreenReq_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		

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	40	76.92
2	Required for some	3	5.77
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	44	84.62
2	Required for some	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	6	11.54

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	19	36.54
2	Required for some	6	11.54
66	Logical Skip	27	51.92

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes	22	42.31
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	43

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes	22	42.31
66	Logical Skip	9	17.31

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Consistent statewide	48	92.31
2	Varies locally	4	7.69

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	29	55.77
1	Yes	23	44.23

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	24	46.15
1	Yes	28	53.85

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	14	26.92
1	Yes	38	73.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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:	S7_99
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	48	92.31
1	Yes	4	7.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	Screeners_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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenersQual_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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	46	88.46
1	Yes	6	11.54

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenersQual_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
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	45	86.54

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenQual_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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	37	71.15
1	Yes	15	28.85

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenQual_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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	14	26.92
1	Yes	38	73.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenQual_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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	18	34.62
1	Yes	34	65.38

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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	40	76.92
1	Yes	12	23.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenQual_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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenQual_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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ScreenQual_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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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 agency to conduct screening	2	3.85
3	Yes, Tribes directly conduct screening and collaborate with state/local public child welfare agency	4	7.69
4	No, there are no Tribes within the state	11	21.15

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

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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:	I1		
Variable Type:	Numeric		
Universe:	52		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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:	I2		
Variable Type:	Numeric		
Universe:	52		
N:	52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	3	5.77
1	Yes	49	94.23

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	46	88.46

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	48	92.31

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	42	80.77

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	52	100.00

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	17	32.69
1	Yes	35	67.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	48	92.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	41	78.85

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	29	55.77
1	Yes	23	44.23

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	47	90.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	5	9.62
1	Yes	47	90.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	16	30.77
1	Yes	36	69.23

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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	47	90.38
2	Required for some	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	3	5.77

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	40	76.92
2	Required for some	6	11.54
66	Logical Skip	6	11.54

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	50	96.15
2	Required for some	2	3.85

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	46	88.46
2	Required for some	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	4	7.69

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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:	I2_3_4
Variable Type:	String
Universe:	52
N:	2

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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:	I2_2_5
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	51

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	51	98.08
66	Logical Skip	1	1.92

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	36	69.23
2	Required for some	6	11.54
66	Logical Skip	10	19.23

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	52	100.00

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	28	53.85
2	Required for some	7	13.46
66	Logical Skip	17	32.69

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	44	84.62
2	Required for some	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	4	7.69

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	InvestReq_MedEvalCases		
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:	41		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2	Required for some	41	78.85
66	Logical Skip	11	21.15

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2	Required for some	22	42.31
66	Logical Skip	29	55.77
88	Unknown	1	1.92

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	38	73.08
2	Required for some	9	17.31
66	Logical Skip	5	9.62

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	47

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	39	75.00
2	Required for some	8	15.38
66	Logical Skip	5	9.62

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Required for all	19	36.54
2	Required for some	17	32.69
66	Logical Skip	16	30.77

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	3	5.77
1	Yes	49	94.23

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	25	48.08
1	Yes	27	51.92

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes	31	59.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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:	I3_4
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	18	34.62
1	Yes	34	65.38

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	41	78.85
1	Yes	11	21.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	InvestStaff_OtherSpecify
Variable Label:	Staff who conduct investigations of reports-other specify
Definition:	Specification of other staff who conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect reports
Protocol Number:	I3_99_other
Variable Type:	String
Universe:	52
N:	11

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	46	88.46
1	Yes	6	11.54

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	48	92.31

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	39	75.00
1	Yes	13	25.00

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes	41	78.85

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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	20	38.46
1	Yes	32	61.54

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	39	75.00
1	Yes	13	25.00

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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:	I5
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Preponderance of evidence	35	67.31
2	Credible or substantial evidence	8	15.38
3	Probable or reasonable cause	9	17.31

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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:		I6	
Variable Type:		Numeric	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	42	80.77
1	Yes	10	19.23

CHILD WELFARE RESPONSE DOMAIN

Laws or Policies Related to Child Welfare Response

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<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes--implemented statewide	26	50.00
2	Yes--implemented in specific counties or regions	5	9.62

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	2	3.85
1	Yes	26	50.00
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	25	48.08
1	Yes	3	5.77
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	AltResp_Inelig_PhysicalAbuse		
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:	28		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	16	30.77
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	2	3.85
1	Yes	26	50.00
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	22	42.31
1	Yes	6	11.54
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	18	34.62
1	Yes	10	19.23
66	Logical Skip	24	46.15

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

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

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	31

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	21	40.38
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	16	30.77
66	Logical Skip	31	59.62
88	Unknown	1	1.92

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

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	9	17.31
66	Logical Skip	31	59.62

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
Variable Type:	Numeric		
Universe:	52		
N:	21		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	9	17.31
66	Logical Skip	31	59.62

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

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	19	36.54
1	Yes	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	31	59.62

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	27	51.92
1	Yes	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	21	40.38
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	AltResp_Eligibility_PriorReports		
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:	31		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	19	36.54
1	Yes	12	23.08
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	10	19.23
1	Yes	21	40.38
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	19	36.54
1	Yes	12	23.08
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	31

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	24	46.15
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	29	55.77
1	Yes	2	3.85
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

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

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	30	57.69
1	Yes	1	1.92
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes	10	19.23
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		31	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	21	40.38
1	Yes	10	19.23
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	17	32.69
1	Yes	14	26.92
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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:	31		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	24	46.15
1	Yes	7	13.46
66	Logical Skip	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	AltResp_ServiceReferralOtherSpec		
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		

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes--implemented statewide	43	82.69
2	Yes--implemented in specific counties or regions	2	3.85
88	Unknown	1	1.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes--implemented statewide	44	84.62
2	Yes--implemented in specific counties or regions	2	3.85

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Protocol Number:	W5
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	TribalFoster_Specify
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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	42	80.77
1	Yes	10	19.23

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>		
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		
Variable Type:		Numeric		
Universe:		52		
N:		10		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>		<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	1		7	13.46
2	2		1	1.92
3	3		2	3.85
66	Logical Skip		42	80.77

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>		
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		
Variable Type:		String		
Universe:		52		
N:		10		

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:		ICWASState		
Variable Label:		State law codified federal ICWA requirements		
Definition:		State law codified federal ICWA requirements		
Protocol Number:		W5_3		
Variable Type:		Numeric		
Universe:		52		
N:		52		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>		<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No		34	65.38
1	Yes		18	34.62

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Variable Name:		ICWASState_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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	14	26.92
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Variable Name:		ICWASState_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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	17	32.69
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Variable Name:		ICWASState_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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	18	34.62
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ICWASState_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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	11	21.15
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ICWASState_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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	18	34.62
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
Variable Name:	ICWASState_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		
Universe:	52		
N:	18		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	18	34.62
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Variable Name:		ICWASState_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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	14	26.92
1	Yes	4	7.69
66	Logical Skip	34	65.38

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes	49	94.23
99	Other	3	5.77

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Up to age 21 (until 21st birthday)	45	86.54
99	Other	7	13.46

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	45	86.54
99	Other	1	1.92

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	45	86.54
1	Yes	7	13.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ExtFosterCare_Criteria_School
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:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	13	25.00
1	Yes	39	75.00

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	18	34.62
1	Yes	34	65.38

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	16	30.77
1	Yes	36	69.23

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Plan
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:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	39	75.00
1	Yes	13	25.00

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	46	88.46
1	Yes	6	11.54

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	19	36.54
1	Yes	33	63.46

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Variable Name:		ExtFosterCare_Criteria_Other	
Variable Label:		Extended foster care criteria-other	
Definition:		State requires youth to meet other requirements to remain in extended foster care	
Protocol Number:		W6_3	
Variable Type:		Numeric	
Universe:		52	
N:		52	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	35	67.31
1	Yes	17	32.69

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	12	23.08
1	Yes	38	73.08
88	Unknown	2	3.85

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	34	65.38
66	Logical Skip	14	26.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	31	59.62
1	Yes	7	13.46
66	Logical Skip	14	26.92

<u>Attribute</u>		<u>Value</u>	
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	
Universe:		52	
N:		38	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	30	57.69
1	Yes	8	15.38
66	Logical Skip	14	26.92

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	18	34.62
1	Yes	20	38.46
66	Logical Skip	14	26.92

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	6	11.54
1	Yes	46	88.46

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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		
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	4	7.69
1	Yes	48	92.31

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>			
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			
<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>		<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Yes		52	100.00

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	1	1.92
1	Yes	51	98.08

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	31	59.62
1	Yes	21	40.38

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	CaseManagement_Tribal
Variable Label:	Staff who conduct foster care case management-Tribal agency staff
Definition:	Tribal agency staff conduct foster care case management
Protocol Number:	W11_3
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	35	67.31
1	Yes	17	32.69

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	48	92.31
1	Yes	4	7.69

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	7	13.46
1	Yes	45	86.54

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
Protocol Number:	W12_3
Variable Type:	Numeric
Universe:	52
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	38	73.08
1	Yes	14	26.92

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	18	34.62
1	Yes	34	65.38

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
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
N:	52

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	23	44.23
1	Yes	29	55.77

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	37	71.15
1	Yes	15	28.85

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

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	11	21.15
1	Yes, required	22	42.31
2	Yes, recommended or preferred, but not required	14	26.92
66	Logical Skip	4	7.69
99	Other	1	1.92

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

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Context Information Regarding Child Welfare System

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<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Value</u>
Variable Name:	CWSysAdmin
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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	State-administered	41	78.85
2	County-administered	9	17.31
3	Hybrid	2	3.85

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

<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	No	40	76.92
1	Yes	12	23.08

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

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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 Child Welfare Information Gateway (<https://www.childwelfare.gov/>).

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.

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.

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, 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 (AI/AN)

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>.

children and youth. ICWA sets minimum standards for states concerning the removal of AI/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 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

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-icwa/?top=1390>.

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 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.

Universal mandated reporting: A state law that requires all people, regardless of profession, to report known or suspected child maltreatment (see definition for *reporting*).

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>.

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APPENDIX B

Changes to Data Between the 2021 and 2023 SCAN Policies Data Sets That Reflect Changes to State Laws and Policies

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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 3 to 2023 version 2 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, 346 numeric data elements⁴ changed between the 2021 version 3 and 2023 version 2 data sets, which represents changes to 2.09 percent of all numeric data elements in the 2023 SCAN Policies Database. In total, 145 numeric variables had at least one data element (or state) with a change from 2021 to 2023, which is 47.54 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 (104) and variables (44) 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

Domain	Number (%) of numeric data elements with changes	Number of numeric data elements	Number (%) of numeric variables with changes	Number of numeric 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	104 (3.39%)	3,065	44 (97.78%)	45
Child welfare system context	5 (4.81%)	104	1 (50.00%)	2
Total across all domains	346 (2.09%)	16,585	145 (47.54%)	305

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 3 and 2023 version 2 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

Domain	Variable name	Number of states 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

Domain	Variable name	Number of states with 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

Domain	Variable name	Number of states with 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	Iowa
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

Domain	Variable name	Number of states with change	Name of state
Child Welfare response	CaseManagerQual_Experience	10	Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, New Jersey, West Virginia, Wyoming
Child Welfare response	CaseManagerQual_Other	5	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 context	ConsentDecree	5	Connecticut, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Washington, Wisconsin

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APPENDIX C

Supplemental Notes on States

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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.

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 must inquire about whether the child or parent has any American Indian ancestry any time a new party or individual with information is contacted.

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:

- (1) 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 low- and 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.

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 DCF-involved 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 life-threatening 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 or dependent adult abuse or neglect, 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 or dependent adult abuse or neglect, 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 ordained 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.

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 or neglect:

- (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 state statute 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.

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:

- (1) 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.

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 when abuse 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 Services workers 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.

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 field and 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.

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.

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.

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 life-sustaining 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.

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.

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.

In-home services aren't provided based on being unsubstantiated, but rather determined by family needs and requests.

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 be 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."

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