

Child Protective Services: Intake

2103.10 Report received of a Newborn in a Family with CPS History

Requirement

Accept and assign for assessment (investigation) a report from a placement case manager that a child is born to a mother who already has a child in placement (See Foster Care Manual 1006.14). Determine the safety of and any risk to the new child. These reports require an immediate to 24-hour response time.

Accept a report of a newborn child to a family with prior substantiated maltreatment, which rated moderate or high risk at assessment (investigation), and evaluate whether to assign the new report for assessment (investigation).

Procedures/Practice Issues

A CHILD CURRENTLY IN PLACEMENT

For reports of a newborn child to parents with another child currently in placement, determine whether the conditions that required removal of the child from the home still exist and whether, based on these conditions, the newborn child will be safe in this same environment. Assign the report for assessment (investigation) (see 2103.16). Justification for opening the case is based on substantiated maltreatment that made the home unsafe for children previously removed from the home and the fact that those risk factors have not been ameliorated

PREVIOUS CPS HISTORY

For reports of a newborn child to parents with CPS history, but without a currently active CPS or placement case:

- Determine whether any of the indicators that require court intervention (see 2102.1) were a factor in a previous CPS case. If any of these indicators are present, assign the report for assessment (investigation).
- Determine for previous situations that did not require court intervention whether the family was successful in ameliorating the identified risk factors. Base a decision for assignment of the new report on the results of prior involvement with the family. Refer the family for available preventive or early intervention services if the report is not opened for assessment (investigation) (see 2103.18). Clearly document on Form 453 (Child Abuse/Neglect Intake Worksheet) the reasons the report was not assigned for assessment (investigation) and the preventive and early intervention resource referrals provided for the family.