

Child Protective Services: Intake

2103.9 Reports of Juvenile Substance Abuse

Requirement

Send a copy of reports of juvenile substance abuse to the Juvenile Court or the court exercising jurisdiction over juvenile matters.

Procedures/Practice Issues

Any person exercising *in loco parentis* control over a child under age eighteen years, and who has reasonable cause to believe that the child is habitually using any controlled substance or marijuana, is encouraged to report such information to the child's parents and to CPS (O.C.G.A. 19-7-6).

This type of report is designated as Information and Referral. Do not document this on Intake Worksheet (Form 453). Maintain these reports in a secure place, separate from other reports. They are not opened for inspection except as ordered by the Juvenile Court judge. Should the court order or request involvement, respond as follows:

- When the court reports maltreatment, follow procedures outlined in Section III (Intake) and Section IV (Assessment (investigation)); and
- At the court's request, help arrange treatment and make necessary referrals to area substance abuse programs and other community resources available to assist in addressing the problem. Remain involved in the case to assure that needed services are received and to make any follow-up reports required by the court. Activities in support of this service are designated Information and Referral, unless justified as CPS or PLC.

When ordered by the court to assist parents in coordinating and arranging substance abuse treatment, use family resources to pay for the services. Some of the resources that may be used to pay for substance abuse treatment include: local community behavioral health providers; Promoting Safe and Stable Families providers; Medicaid; client's private insurance; and having the client pay for treatment him or herself.

Destroy reports no later than three years from the date of the initial report.