

Referral Guidance for Children's Integrated Services (CIS) and Family Services Division (FSD) Differential Response

The state CIS team has been reviewing information from the regions and from the Family Services Division central office staff about differential response to identify how CIS can best provide resources to families working with FSD.

CIS Guidelines for referrals:

In accordance with the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA), children under the age of three with a **substantiated** claim of abuse or neglect must be referred to CIS Early Intervention for an initial screening.

In accordance with FSD policy, children under age three who reside in a family where the risk level requires ongoing FSD services should be referred to the CIS team. The team will determine the most appropriate provider to contact the family, gather more information, do initial screening(s) and identify next steps in meeting the family's needs.

In any situation where there is a pregnant woman or child from birth through age six and a social worker identifies possible concerns around health, development or mental health, or if a family reports a concern in these areas, the social worker should offer CIS as a resource to the family.

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