

Differential Response - Criteria for screened-in P3 DR Reports

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Maltreatment indicated with NO safety concerns and NO impending danger

There must be a parent or caretaker (presumed guardian or caretaker), guardian, a stepparent with whom the child lives, an adult person continually or regularly found in the same household as the child.

Acceptable if no safety concerns or impending danger:

No restriction on age of victim

Prior substantiations do not influence DR involvement.

- Medical Neglect—eye glasses, dental neglect, parents not attending to mental health needs
- Inadequate Shelter
- Inadequate Food
- Inadequate Clothing
- Environmental Neglect
- Lockout-parent child conflict
- Educational neglect
- Lack of Supervision

Not acceptable for DR:

- Abandonment
- Sexual Abuse (Abuse & Neglect)
- Physical Injury (Abuse)
- Parent Misuse 10A and 10N
- Institutional reports including unlicensed relatives
- Reports on children in legal custody of agency
- Substance Exposed/Withdrawal Infants

Questionable/ Requires further discussion:

Minor Physical Injury (screened-out in Clark, WCDSS may send to DR, May be screened out)

- No impending danger, age 12 or over, no prior substantiation for physical abuse on same caregiver, maximum of two prior reports regarding similar unsubstantiated allegations on the same caregiver, no drug/alcohol involved in the incident, no history of violence by caregiver

Response times:

DR to be proactive and let the child welfare agency know when they reach caseload capacity. If DR doesn't believe the report is appropriate they must contact the child welfare agency within that same business day.

Current DR policy requires contact with the family within 3 business days; this is not an evaluation time to determine whether or not DR will accept the case. The clock begins to tick at the time indicated on the UNITY report. (Holly will follow up with researching federal directives regarding repose times.) If the case is referred back to the CPS agency, they are currently held to 72 hour response standard.