



Definition of Neglect

Serious physical neglect by a perpetrator is prolonged or repeated lack of supervision or the failure to provide the essentials of life, including adequate medical care, which endangers a child's life or development or impairs the child's functioning.

General protective services are services to prevent the potential for harm to a child. Potential for harm is defined as: “likely, if permitted to continue, to have a detrimental effect on the child's health, development or functioning.”