

The Child Abuse/Neglect Screening Process

The Child Abuse/Neglect Screening Process is defined as the systematic gathering of information to determine whether there are safety concerns that warrant a response by the child welfare agency or others in the community and what the response should be. Based on the data gathered, four (4) major decisions are made:

1. Should the referral be accepted for evaluation by the agency?
2. If yes, what is the risk level?
3. What is the response time?
4. If not accepted, should the reporter be referred to another community agency for assistance (I&R)?