

Children's Protective Services: Comprehensive Report

(FY2017 Appropriation Act - Public Act 268 of 2016)

March 1, 2017

Sec. 514. *The department shall make a comprehensive report concerning children's protective services (CPS) to the legislature, including the senate and house policy offices and the state budget director, by March 1 of the current fiscal year that shall include all of the following:*

(a) Statistical information including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(i) The total number of reports of child abuse or child neglect investigated under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638, and the number of cases classified under category I or category II and the number of cases classified under category III, category IV, or category V.

(ii) Characteristics of perpetrators of child abuse or child neglect and the child victims, such as age, relationship, race, and ethnicity and whether the perpetrator exposed the child victim to drug activity, including the manufacture of illicit drugs, that exposed the child victim to substance abuse, a drug house, or methamphetamine.

(iii) The mandatory reporter category in which the individual who made the report fits, or other categorization if the individual is not within a group required to report under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638.

(iv) The number of cases that resulted in the separation of the child from the parent or guardian and the period of time of that separation, up to and including termination of parental rights.

(v) For the reported complaints of child abuse or child neglect by teachers, school administrators, and school counselors, the number of cases classified under category I or category II and the number of cases classified under category III, category IV, or category V.

(vi) For the reported complaints of child abuse or child neglect by teachers, school administrators, and school counselors, the number of cases that resulted in separation of the child from the parent or guardian and the period of time of that separation, up to and including termination of parental rights.

(b) New policies related to children's protective services including, but not limited to, major policy changes and court decisions affecting the children's protective services system during the immediately preceding 12-month period.

(c) Statistical information regarding families that were classified in category III, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(i) The total number of cases classified in category III.

(ii) The number of cases in category III referred to voluntary community services and closed with no additional monitoring.

(iii) The number of cases in category III referred to voluntary community services and monitored for up to 90 days.

(iv) The number of cases in category III for which the department entered more than 1 determination that there was evidence of child abuse or child neglect.

(v) The number of cases in category III that the department reclassified from category III to category II.

(vi) The number of cases in category III that the department reclassified from category III to category I.

(vii) The number of cases in category III that the department reclassified from category III to category I that resulted in a removal.

(d) The department policy, or changes to the department policy, regarding children who have been exposed to the production or manufacture of methamphetamines.



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PA 268 of 2016 sec. 514 (a) (i): Total reports investigated/dispositioned by CPS under the Child Protection Law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638 and the number of cases classified under category I, category II, category III, category IV, and category V.

There were 90,356 total reports of abuse or neglect assigned for investigation in FY 2016. There were 92,267 total cases disposed in FY 2016.

Disposed Cases and Classifications	
Category I	4,410
Category II	6,897
Category III	14,202
Category IV	63,575
Category V	3,183
Total	92,267

*Disparity in case disposition totals and investigation totals are the result of case report carry-overs from the previous fiscal year.

PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (a) (ii): Characteristics of perpetrators of abuse or neglect and the child victims.

FY 2016 Victims of Abuse/Neglect by Race and Gender (age 3 and under)							
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian	Unable to determine /Declined	Grand Total
Female	3,501	2,507	95	27	7	682	6,819
Male	3,932	2,815	124	25	7	822	7,725
Unable to Determine	90	62	1	2	0	2	157
Grand Total	7,523	5,384	220	54	14	1,506	14,701

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FY 2016 Victims of Abuse/Neglect by Race and Gender (age 4 and above)							
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian	Unable to determine	Grand Total
Female	7,243	3,570	200	92	10	466	11,581
Male	6,728	3,364	175	74	14	499	10,854
Unable to Determine	53	31	3	4	0	15	106
Grand Total	14,024	6,965	378	170	24	980	22,541

Victim Relationship to Perpetrator	Total
Adoptive Sibling	12
Adoptive Child	463
Biological Sibling	389
Biological Child	41,363
Child (guardianship)	185
Cousin	58
Foster Child	47
Foster Sibling	2
Grandchild	782
Half Sibling	69
Niece/Nephew	398
Not Related	5,466
Other Relative	356
Putative Child	93
Step Grandchild	52
Step Child	1,693
Step Sibling	23
Unknown	247
Total	51,698

Perpetrator Relationship to Victim	Total
Adoptive Parent	340
Adoptive Sibling	11
Aunt/Uncle	270
Biological Parent	26,116
Biological Sibling	316
Cousin	49
Foster Parent	39
Foster Sibling	2
Grandparent	523
Guardian	150
Half Sibling	56
Legal Guardian	2
Not Related	3,715
Other Relative	255
Putative Parent	85
Step Parent	1,222
Step Sibling	19
Unknown	176
Total	33,346

* A single perpetrator can have multiple relationships if the individual is a perpetrator to multiple victims.

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Perpetrator by Age	Total
0-20	1,687
21-30	13,230
31-40	10,663
41-50	3,842
51-60	1,234
61-70	306
71-80	63
81-90	5
91-100	26
Unknown	0
Total	31,056

Perpetrator by Race	Total
White	19,762
African American	8,861
American Indian	501
Asian	178
Native Hawaiian	31
Unable to Determine	1,723
Total	31,056

Children Victims Exposed to Drug Activity

**An enhancement is needed when a Category III case is escalated to a higher category as this is not captured in MiSACWIS (Michigan's State Automated Child Welfare Information System).*

PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (a) (iii): The mandatory reporter category in which the individual who made the report fits, or other categorization if the individual is not within a group required to report under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638.

66.5% of all reports made during FY 2016 were made by mandated reporters. The remaining 33.5% were made by non-mandated reporters.

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Mandated Reporter Category	
Audiologist	1
Case Management Staff	1
Childcare Provider	534
Clergy	126
Coroner/Medical Examiner	23
Court Personnel	1,008
Counselor/Therapist	1
Dentist/Registered Dental Hygienist	84
DMH Facility Personnel	85
DMH Facility Social Worker	349
Domestic Violence Provider	102
FIS/ES Worker/Supervisor	780
Friend of the Court	190
Hosp/Clinic Personnel	520
Hosp/Clinic Physician/Physician's Assistant	1,379
Hosp/Clinic Social Worker	9,783
Law Enforcement Personnel	14,297
Licensed Therapist	2,949
Marriage/Family Therapist	461
MDHHS Facility Personnel	229
MDHHS Facility Social Worker	166
Nurse (Not School)	3,084
Other	21
Other Public Social Agency Personnel	973
Other Public Social Worker	1,338
Other School Personnel	2,212
Other Social Worker	1,212
Paramedic/EMT	112
Private Agency Social Worker	1,399
Private Physician/Physician Assistant	180
Private Social Agency Personnel	459
Psychologist	403
School Administrator	2,482
School Counselor	5,474
School Nurse	219
Social Services Specialist/Manager (CPS, CFC, etc.)	3,754
Teacher	5,594
Total	61,983

Non-Mandated Reporter Category	
Anonymous	5,005
Birth Match	379
Friend/Neighbor	6,442
Other	3,117
Parent/Sub In Home	2,422
Parent/Sub Out of Home	6,362
Relative	6,959
Sibling	250
Victim	239
Total	31,175

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PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (a) (iv): Cases involving child separation from parent or legal guardian.

In FY 2016, 6,019 children were separated from the parent or legal guardian. The period of time of the separation of a child from the parent or guardian is not captured through the CPS program however, the status of these separated children at the close of FY 2016 can be determined. Of the 6,019 children who were separated, 893 had their case closed after either returning home or to another planned living arrangement and 5,126 were still active to a foster care case at the end of the fiscal year. One hundred- twenty resulted in termination of parental rights of both parents.

PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (a) (v): Disposition categories for complaints made by teachers, school administrators, and counselors.

For the 13,261 reported assigned complaints of abuse or neglect by teachers, school administrators, and school counselors cases assigned investigation, 957 cases were classified as category I or category II and 12,258 cases were classified as category III, category IV and category V. There were 46 cases with an unknown status/pending disposition.

PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (a) (vi): Cases involving child separation from parent or legal guardian specific to cases reported by teachers, school administrators, and counselors.

For the reported assigned complaints of abuse or neglect by teachers, school administrators and school counselors, 540 cases resulted in separation of the child from the parent or guardian. Zero cases resulted in termination of parental rights. The period of time of the separation of a child from the parent or guardian is not captured through the CPS program however, the status of these separated children at the close of FY 2016 can be determined. Ten cases were closed during FY 2016 and 530 remained open at the end of the fiscal year.

PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (b): New policies related to children's protective services including, but not limited to, major policy changes and court decisions affecting the children's protective services system during the immediately preceding 12-month period are listed below:

Substance Abuse Cases: PSM 716-7

Policy requirements regarding substance abuse cases have been enhanced. Enhancements to sections of substance abuse specific policy include parental substance abuse, drug house, drug raids, drug/alcohol exposed infants, medical marijuana, drug dependency treatment, methamphetamine, and reaching disposition.

Prevention Definitions: PSM 711-5

Definitions for primary, secondary and tertiary prevention have been added to policy.

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Medical Exams: PSM 713-4

As soon as possible following the exam, a worker must contact the medical practitioner or other medical personnel who would have knowledge of the exam and ask him/her to interpret the findings to ensure a proper understanding of the results.

Medical Resource System Contract: PSM 713-4

MDHHS maintains a contract with medical providers through the Medical Resource System (MRS). This contract provides a 24-hour, seven day/week statewide hotline for medical providers, MDHHS workers and law enforcement seeking medical information on cases involving CA/N.

Conflicting Medical Opinions: PSM 713-4

When cases appear to have conflicting medical opinions, caseworkers may consult with a pediatric specialist or a physician with experience in assessing child abuse/neglect identified in their region.

Social Work Contacts: PSM 713-10

MiSACWIS (Michigan's Statewide Automated Child Welfare System) is the official record of a case. Any notes taken by a caseworker of statements made by the child, respondent(s) or other witnesses must be accurately and comprehensively entered into MiSACWIS. Once these notes are entered into MiSACWIS, the hard copies need not and should not be maintained.

Monthly Case Consultation: PSM 713-1; PSM 714-1

The CPS worker must meet with his/her supervisor at least monthly for case consultation for every case. To record in MiSACWIS that the conference occurred, select supervision in the contact type and in the narrative only document that the conference occurred.

Visit Requirements: PSM 714-1

To ensure child-centered safety planning, a face-to-face contact must be made by the CPS worker with the primary caregiver from each participating household every 30 days following the date of disposition. The visit and discussion must include child-centered safety planning, addressing the child's needs, continued services and case goals. Attempts to have at least quarterly contact with the identified perpetrator should occur in order to address child safety concerns and assess service provision.

Responsibilities and Functions: PSM 714-4; PSM 715-4

The CPS worker must transfer case responsibilities by completing the transfer in MiSACWIS within five working days of placement. When the transfer is complete CPS is no longer responsible for provision of services to the child and family. The CPS case must be closed in MiSACWIS once the case is successfully transferred to the foster care worker. CPS is still required to testify at necessary hearings and submit amended petitions when required.

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Temporary Voluntary Arrangements: PSM 713-1; PSM 715-2

When CPS identifies safety concerns which do not rise to the level of court involvement, the DHHS-5433, voluntary safety arrangement, can be utilized. The DHHS-5433 documents a voluntary arrangement between the caregiver(s) and an individual who agrees to care for the child(ren) until identified safety issues can be resolved.

Abbreviated Investigations: PSM 713-1; 713-10

Although investigation checklists are not required in abbreviated investigations, these cases cannot be closed until the local office director has reviewed the investigation.

PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (c): The information required under section 8d(5) of the Child Protection Law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628d, pertains to information regarding families that were classified in category III.

Category III cases are typically identified as having two distinct sub-classifications which require referring to voluntary community service and close, *or* referring to voluntary community service and monitoring for 90 days. In FY 2016 there were 8 cases that had an unknown/other option selected.

**An enhancement is needed when a Category III case is escalated to a higher category as this is not captured in MiSACWIS (Michigan’s State Automated Child Welfare Information System).*

Category III Options	Total
90 day monitoring	3,435
Open/Close	10,759
Other	8
Grand Total	14,202

PA 268 of 2016 Sec. 514 (d): CPS Policy regarding methamphetamine exposure.

The department has not made any changes to CPS policy regarding children who have been exposed to the production or manufacturing of methamphetamine during FY 2016. MDHHS policy requires all complaints regarding children who have been exposed to the production or manufacture of methamphetamines be assigned for investigation. The Michigan Child Protection Law (CPL) (MCL 722.623 and 722.628) requires MDHHS to refer to the prosecutor and law enforcement within 24 hours of receipt of all complaints with allegations that indicate potential violations of the public health code involving methamphetamine (MCL 333.7401c). The CPL, Section 17, requires MDHHS to file a petition for court jurisdiction within 24 hours of determining a preponderance of evidence exists that a child has been exposed to or had contact with methamphetamine. The department must also obtain a medical examination of all child victims and any other children residing in the household when a child has been exposed to or had contact with methamphetamine.