

Child Protection Services



Child Protection Services (CPS) is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of children by conducting comprehensive assessments upon receipt of a report of suspected child abuse and/or neglect. The purpose of CPS is to assess safety and protect children (anyone under 18 years old) from further maltreatment and identify any ongoing safety threats.

CENTRALIZED INTAKE

This statewide child abuse and neglect reporting line consists of individuals who are specialized to gather comprehensive information to support the workers in their response to children who are maltreated, unsafe, and/or in need of protection and services.

CPS ASSESSMENT

The 19 Human Service Zones are North Dakota's authorized agents who must respond to all reports of suspected child abuse and/or neglect. Zone staff must initiate a CPS assessment of these reports when the information meets the criteria outlined in state statute (NDCC 50-25.1). In most situations, a finding of either "Confirmed" (child was a victim of maltreatment) or "Unconfirmed" (child was not a victim of maltreatment) is made.

INSTITUTIONAL CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Institutional Child Protection Services (ICPS) assesses reports of abuse and/or neglect at institutions that provide services to children to include schools and residential treatment centers. An assessment is completed to assure the children are safe and the institutions adhere to regulations and policies designed to protect the welfare of the children under their care.

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