

CARELINE AND INTAK

Criteria for Recommendation for Placement on the Central Registry

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Policy

In all cases in which the Department substantiates abuse or neglect by an identified perpetrator, the investigator in conjunction with his supervisor shall review the case for a determination of whether the perpetrator poses a risk to the health, safety and well-being of children and make a determination as to whether the perpetrator should be recommended for placement on the Department's Central Registry. In every case, Department staff shall engage in an analysis as to the person's intent, the severity of the impact to the child, the chronicity of neglectful conduct and the involvement of substance use or intimate partner violence in the abuse or neglect to determine whether or not the person poses a risk to children.

Criteria for placement on the central registry

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §17a-101g(c, d) placement of a perpetrator's name on the Department's Central Registry shall be "non-disclosable" until the exhaustion or waiver of all administrative appeals available to the perpetrator, except a substantiation finding may be made disclosable prior to the expiration of all appeals if the child abuse or neglect resulted in or involves:

- the death of a child;
 - the risk of serious physical injury or emotional harm of a child;
 - the serious physical harm of a child;
 - the arrest of a person due to abuse or neglect of a child;
 - a petition filed by the commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §17a-112 or §46b-129; or
 - sexual abuse of a child.
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Decision Making

The following provides guidance for the decision making.

You do not have to have all three elements to justify placement on the central registry.

The decision shall be based on consideration of the entire history and present circumstances of the perpetrator. A placement on the Central Registry indicates that the perpetrator currently poses a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of children.

Intent

- Is there reason to believe that the perpetrator had sufficient knowledge and resources, the ability to utilize them, and an understanding of the implications for failing to provide appropriate care, but made a conscious decision not to do so?
- Did the perpetrator intend to cause harm?
- Was the finding based upon documentation of cruelty by the perpetrator?
- Would the perpetrator have been reasonably expected to know that his/her acts or statements would be detrimental to the child's health, safety, or well-being?

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Decision Making (Continued)

Severity

- Regardless of intent, would the perpetrator have been reasonable expected to know that his/her actions had a high likelihood of resulting in serious injury to the victim?
- Did the abuse result in death; rendering unconscious; concussion; internal head injury; lasting physical impairment of the normal functioning of the child; or from the perspective of qualified medical personnel, the necessity for immediate medical attention for the victim?
- Is the impact on the child likely to be of lasting duration?
- If no impact, was there serious disregard for the child's well-being?

Chronicity

- Was this an isolated incident? If not, how often has it occurred, and over what period of time?
- Was there a pattern or chronic nature to the neglect or abuse regardless of the measurable impact to the victim?
- Was there a previous substantiation of neglect or abuse by this perpetrator and was the prior substantiation for an incident or conduct related to the current substantiation?

Behavioral Health, Substance Use or Intimate Partner Violence Considerations

Additional considerations are:

- Did the perpetrator refuse to acknowledge behavioral health, substance use and/or intimate partner violence risk factors?
- Did the perpetrator refuse to take responsibility for their actions/behaviors?
- Did the perpetrator fail to provide a viable plan to address the behavioral health, substance use and/or intimate partner violence risk factors?

Removal from the Central Registry

At any time, an individual whose name is placed on the Department's Central Registry may request to be removed by following the Appeal process described in DCF Policy 22-5.
