

5101:2-33-28

**Joint planning and sharing of information among the PCSA and CDJFS.**

(A) Upon receipt of a request from the county department of job and family services (CDJFS), the public children services agency (PCSA) shall engage in joint planning and sharing of information with the CDJFS in order to:

- (1) Assess, plan and provide coordinated services to children, families and adults that are receiving services from the PCSA and the CDJFS.
- (2) Assist the CDJFS in establishing best interests statements for minor parents who are applying for or participating in Ohio works first (OWF) pursuant to section 5107.24 of the Revised Code.
- (3) Assist OWF families already receiving services from the PCSA in implementing the provisions of their family assessment/appraisal and self-sufficiency contract.

(B) The PCSA shall share information about PCSA services provided to children and families, including minor parents, who are also receiving assistance or services from the CDJFS. When sharing information with the CDJFS the following information may be provided without consent of the family receiving services:

- (1) Whether an assessment/investigation of child abuse and neglect has been initiated.
- (2) Services provided as a result of a PCSA assessment/investigation of child abuse and neglect.
- (3) General status of the health and safety of the child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect.
- (4) Whether a report of child abuse and neglect has resulted in the filing of a complaint in juvenile court or of criminal charges in another court.
- (5) Whether there is an agreed upon or court ordered case plan prepared pursuant to section 2151.412 of the Revised Code. When a PCSA wants to include the JFS 01444 "Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model - I.S., Case Plan" (rev. 2/2006) as part of the OWF self-sufficiency contract, the PCSA shall follow procedures outlined in the OWF county plan of cooperation.

(C) When information is shared regarding assessments/investigations of child abuse and neglect the PCSA shall:

- (1) Not disclose the identity of the referent/reporter or any person providing information during the course of the assessment/investigation pursuant to rule 5101:2-33-21 of the Administrative Code.

- (2) Inform the CDJFS in writing that all information regarding the child abuse or neglect assessment/investigation shall not be kept in the agency's case record but in a separate file the agency shall maintain.
- (D) The PCSA shall notify the CDJFS when a child is removed from an OWF assistance group pursuant to rule 5101:2-39-01 of the Administrative Code and division (E)(1) of section 5107.10 of the Revised Code and procedures set forth in the OWF county plan of cooperation.
- (E) When a PCSA identifies an OWF family who is in need of prevention, retention, and contingency (PRC) services, the PCSA shall follow procedures outlined in the OWF county plan of cooperation.
- (F) Upon receipt of a request from the PCSA, the CDJFS shall assist the PCSA in obtaining case or assistance group information regarding a family's current participation in OWF or former participation in aid to families with dependent children (ADC) when the PCSA:

  - (1) Is assessing Title IV-E eligibility for foster care maintenance or adoption assistance.
  - (2) Needs to complete an assessment/investigation of a child at risk or alleged to be abused or neglected.

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