

5101:2-36-06 PCSA requirements for a deserted child
assessment/investigation.

(A) Upon screening in a report alleging a child has been deserted by a parent and left in the care of an emergency medical worker, peace officer, or hospital employee pursuant to section 2151.3516 of the Revised Code, the public children services agency (PCSA) shall do all of the following:

(1) Consider the child to be a deserted child as defined in rule 5101:2-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Consider the child to be in need of public care and protective services.

(3) Make face-to-face contact within one hour of the time the referral was screened in pursuant to rule 5101:2-36-01 of the Administrative Code.

(4) Complete the following activities within one hour of face-to-face contact with the child:

(a) If the child was not left at a hospital, transport the child or arrange for transportation of the child to the nearest appropriate hospital emergency department.

(b) Make arrangements for the child to be examined by a physician to assess the health and well being of the child as well as to assess for indications the child suffered abuse and/or neglect.

(5) Prior to placement in substitute care, obtain a copy of the report from the medical examination completed by a physician as required in paragraph (A)(4)(b) of this rule documenting that needed medical treatment was provided to the child.

(6) Accept and take emergency temporary custody and place the child in substitute care pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-04 of the Administrative Code.

(7) Initiate an assessment/investigation concerning the child pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

(B) To conduct an assessment/investigation concerning a deserted child, the PCSA shall do all of the following:

(1) Contact the individual who took possession of the child to determine:

(a) The time that the child was left pursuant to paragraph (A) of this rule.

(b) Whether the parent who left the child provided any information regarding the child.

- (c) Whether the parent who left the child completed the JFS 01672 "Voluntary Medical History" (rev. 6/2002) form.
- (2) Obtain the JFS 01672 and any information provided pursuant to paragraph (B)(1)(b) of this rule, if available.
- (3) Secure all clothing and/or other articles that were left with the child.
- (4) Contact the following agencies to determine if the child matching the description of the child delivered pursuant to paragraph (A) of this rule has been reported missing:
 - (a) Local law enforcement agencies.
 - (b) Ohio's missing children's information clearinghouse.
 - (c) National center for missing and exploited children.
- (5) Conduct activities necessary to obtain a birth certificate and a social security card for the child.
- (C) The PCSA shall document in the case record that all activities listed in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule were completed.
- (D) The PCSA shall complete the deserted child assessment/investigation within thirty days from the date the report was screened in.
- (E) The PCSA shall consider the child to be abused or neglected or both pursuant to rule 5101:2-1-01 of the Administrative Code if:
 - (1) The child has suffered a physical or mental wound or injury, or the child's condition reasonably indicates abuse or neglect.
 - (2) It is determined that someone other than the parent deserted the child pursuant to paragraph (A) of this rule.
 - (3) The child is determined to be more than seventy-two hours old at the time the child was deserted pursuant to paragraph (A) of this rule.
- (F) If it is determined the child has been abused or neglected, the PCSA shall:
 - (1) Complete activities identified in paragraphs (A)(2) to (A)(6) of this rule.
 - (2) Make all possible attempts to identify and locate the parent(s).
 - (3) Conduct an assessment/investigation pursuant to rule 5101:2-36-03 of the

Administrative Code.

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