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**Protective service alert.**

- (A) A public children services agency (PCSA) shall issue a protective service alert (PSA) ~~when if either of the following occurs: it is determined that a child is at risk of abuse based on a child abuse or neglect assessment/investigation and that the family has moved outside of the county or state and the whereabouts of the family are unknown.~~
- (1) The PCSA receives an abuse or neglect report and the PCSA determines that the whereabouts of the alleged child victim and his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and an assessment of safety is needed.
- (2) The PCSA determines that protective services are needed and the PCSA determines that the whereabouts of the child and his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and the child remains at risk of abuse or neglect.
- (B) The PCSA shall create a PSA in the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS); and specify whether the PSA is to be processed as an in-state or out of state alert.
- (C) Upon creation of a PSA, the PCSA issuing the PSA shall be referenced as the originator of the PSA.
- ~~(C) Within three working days of notification of a PSA, Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) staff shall:~~
- ~~(1) Attempt to locate the family by conducting a statewide record check using the public assistance information system.~~
- ~~(2) Forward the PSA to another state, if applicable.~~
- ~~(D) ODJFS staff shall continue to conduct monthly statewide checks until the family is located or until expiration of the PSA pursuant to paragraph (I) of this rule.~~
- ~~(E) Upon locating the family in the public assistance information system, ODJFS staff shall notify the originator of the PSA that the family has been located.~~
- ~~(F)(D) Should a person with an active PSA be located by a second PCSA conducting a search of the SACWIS database, the second~~ A non-originating PCSA shall immediately notify the originator of the a PSA in writing no later than the next working day if a that the person person(s) with an active PSA has been located.
- ~~(G) Upon notification from another state that a family has been located outside of Ohio, ODJFS staff shall notify the originator of the PSA that the family has been located.~~
- ~~(H)(E) Upon receipt of the notification that a person has been located, The the originator~~

of the PSA shall cancel the PSA ~~when the PCSA is notified that the family has been located.~~

~~(D)~~(F) A PSA will expire in ninety days ~~unless an extension is approved.~~

(G) A PCSA shall complete a PSA extension prior to the expiration of the PSA if the PCSA determines the child has not been located. Each PSA extension will expire ninety days from the issued date.

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