

5101:2-36-14

Protective service alert.

- (A) A public children services agency (PCSA) shall issue a protective service alert (PSA) when 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.
- (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) 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) Should a person with an active PSA be located by a second PCSA conducting a search of the SACWIS database, the second PCSA shall immediately notify the originator of the PSA that the person 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) The originator of the PSA shall cancel the PSA when the PCSA is notified that the family has been located.
- (I) A PSA will expire in ninety days unless an extension is approved.

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