

5101:2-36-14 **Protective service alert.**

- (A) A public children services agency (PCSA) shall issue a protective service alert (PSA) if either of the following occurs:
- (1) The PCSA receives an abuse or neglect report, the whereabouts of a child or his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown, and the PCSA has reason to believe the child is in immediate danger of serious harm.
 - (2) The PCSA determines that protective services are needed, the whereabouts of the child or his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and the PCSA has reason to believe the child remains at risk of abuse or neglect.
- (B) The PCSA shall ~~create~~issue 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 originating PCSA.
- (D) A non-originating PCSA shall notify the originating PCSA no later than the next working day if a person(s) with an active PSA has been located and document the notification in the case record.
- (E) Upon receipt of the notification that a person has been located, the originating PCSA shall cancel the PSA.
- (F) A PSA will expire in ninety days from the issue date.
- (G) The originating PCSA shall complete a PSA extension prior to the expiration of the PSA if the PCSA determines the whereabouts of the child are still unknown and the child remains in immediate danger of serious harm. Each PSA extension will expire ninety days from the issue date.

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