



Series: 100: Case Management
Policy Name: Accessing Information from the Child Protection Team
Policy Number: 104
Regulations: F.S. 39.521; DCF CFOP 170-5
Origination Date: 11/01/2013 **Revision Date:** 07/01/2018

Policy: It is the policy of Communities Connected for Kids to work collaboratively with the Child Protection Team and the Protective Investigator in response to reports of child abuse and neglect.

Procedure:

Initial Contact:

1. Initial contact comes primarily from the Child Protective Investigator. However, Communities Connected for Kids may initially be contacted by another source such as law enforcement or a hospital. If the referral does not come from the PI, Communities Connected for Kids will first verify that an abuse report has been made and work in tandem with the designated Protective Investigator throughout the investigative phase.

Initial Safety/Risk Assessment Process:

1. The Child Protective Investigator assesses the validity of abuse allegations, the identification of danger threats; the protective capacity of the caregivers, and interventions for reducing the risk of further abuse and neglect.
2. The Child Protective Investigator provides positive medical findings in the form of a written Child Protection Report (upon receipt from CPT) to the dependency case manager.
3. F.S 39.521 requires that the complete child protection team report and recommendation or, if no report exists, a statement reflecting that no report has been made, be provided to the court as part of the documented information included with the Family Functioning Assessment. The child protection team report will only be included in the copy of the Family Functioning Assessment that goes to the court, not to the other parties.

Approved: Carol DeLoach
Carol DeLoach, CEO 7-8-18