

Introduction to NC Child Welfare System

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3 Topics



Report



Assessment



Outcomes



1. Reports

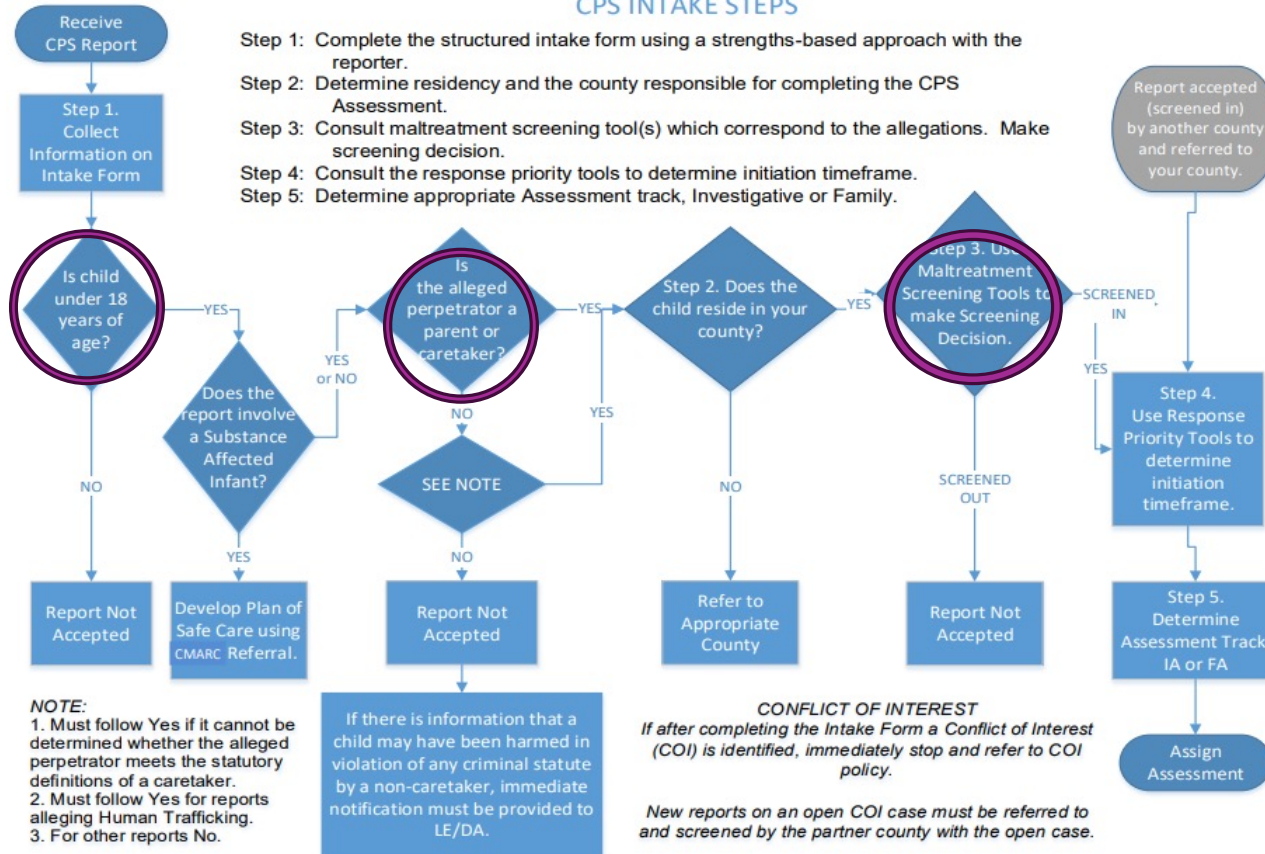
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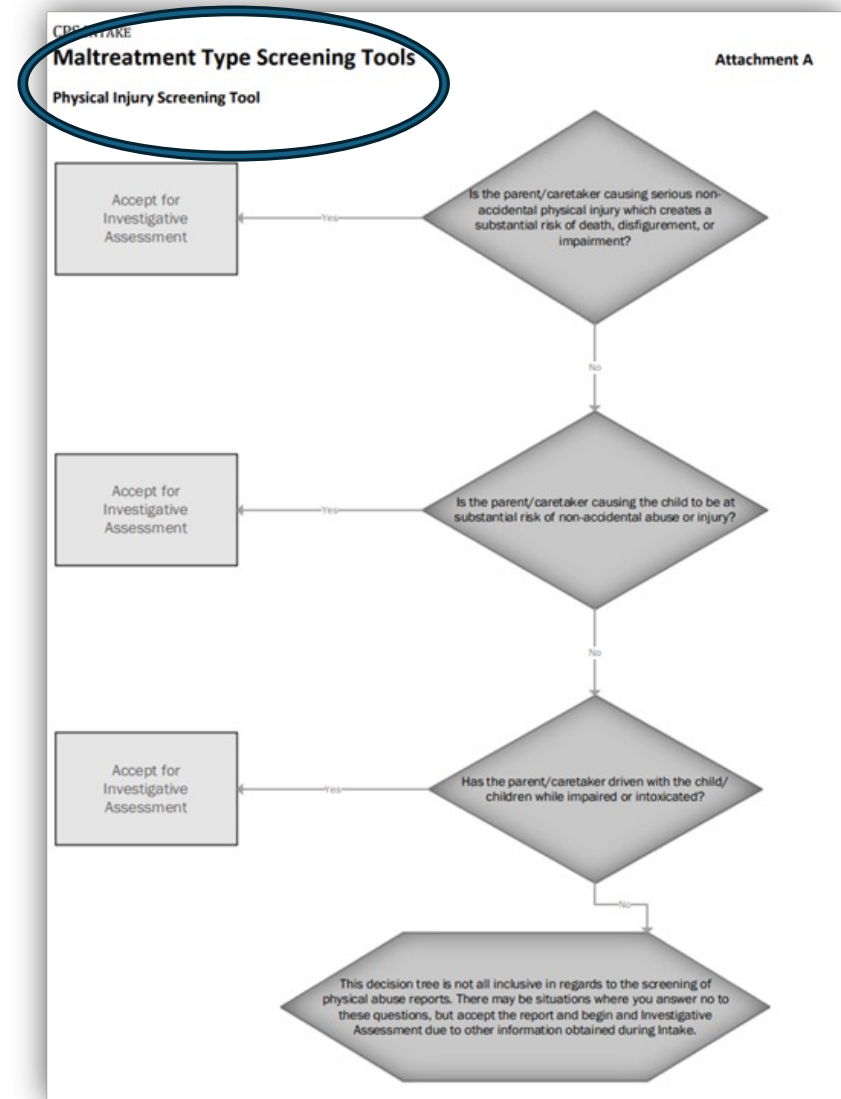


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16 Screening Tools



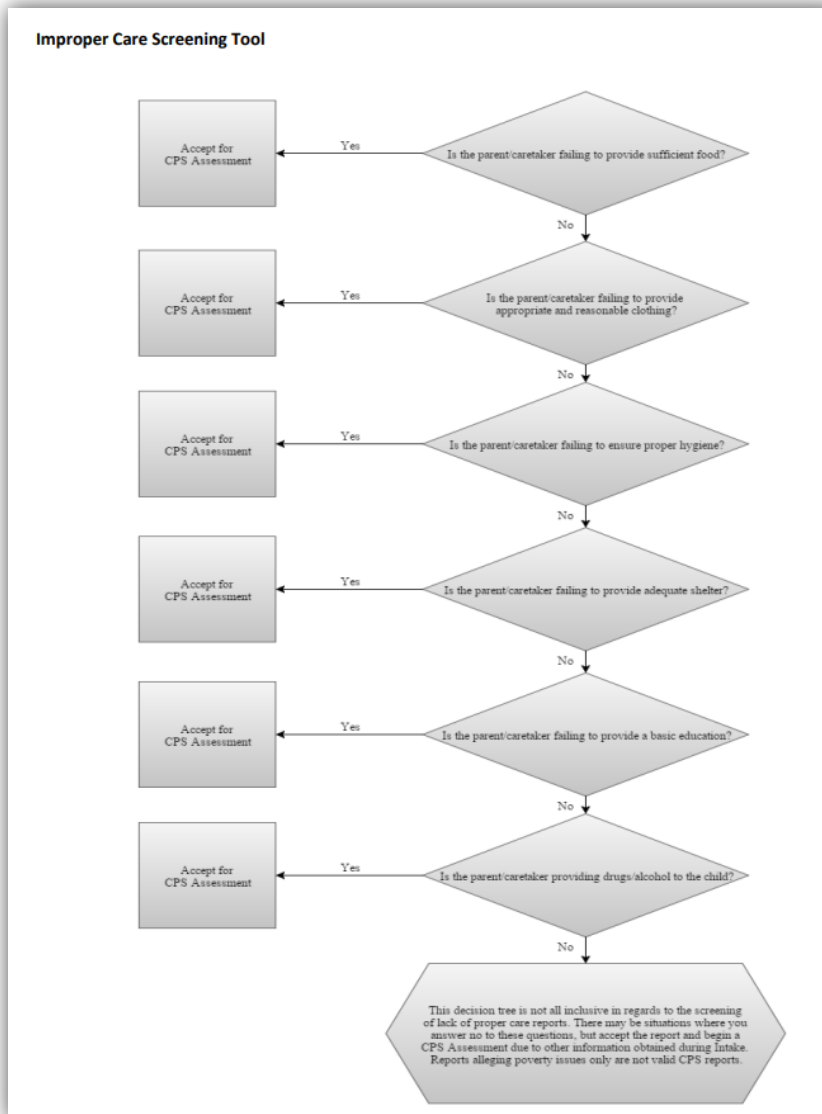
Abuse Screening Tools

- Physical Injury
- Sexual Abuse
- Cruel/Grossly Inappropriate Behavior Modification
- Emotional Abuse
- Moral Turpitude
- Human Trafficking

Neglect Screening Tools

- Improper Care
- Improper Supervision
- Unsafe Discipline
- Abandonment
- Improper Medical/Remedial Care
- Injurious Environment
- Illegal Placement/Adoption
- Substance Abuse
- Substance Affected Infant
- Domestic Violence

Improper Care



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CLOTHING

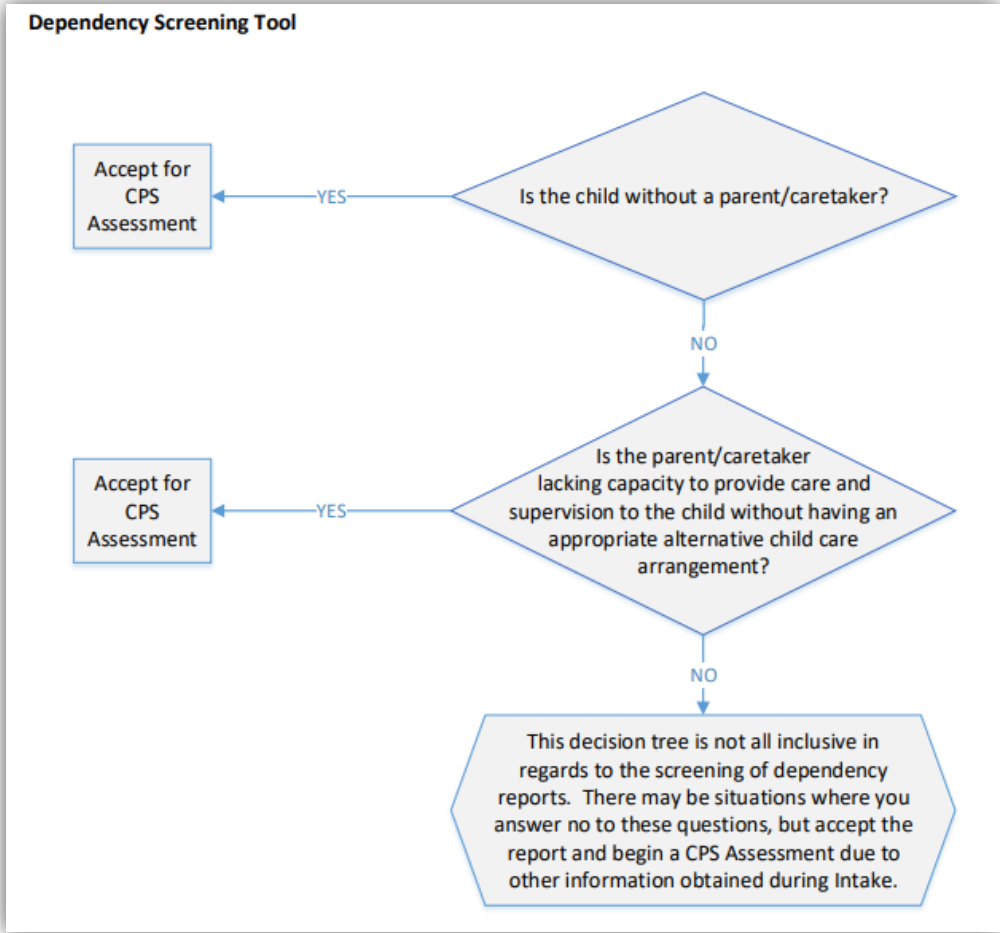
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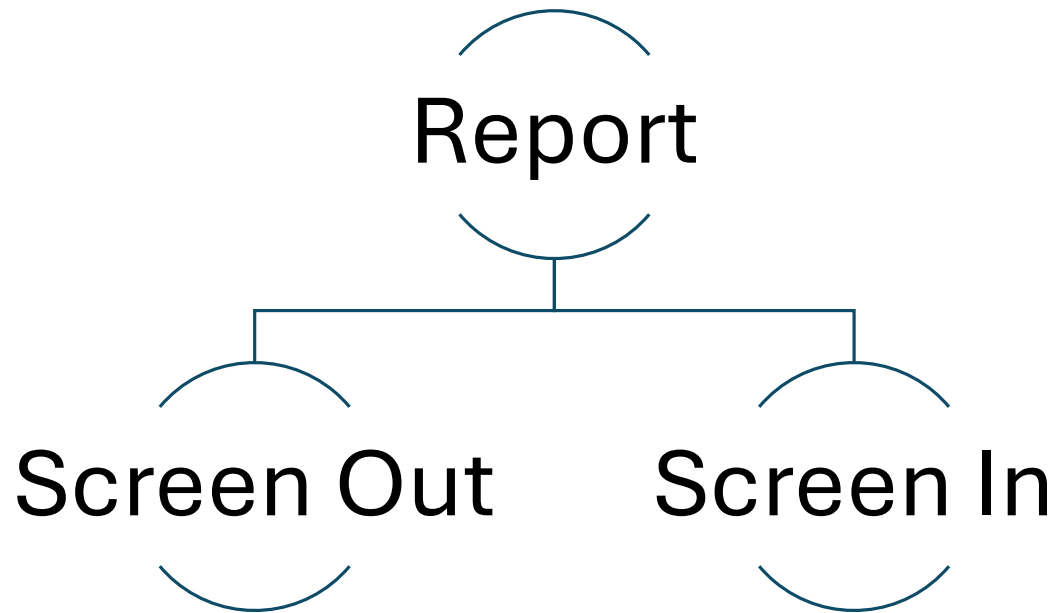
EDUCATION

GIVING
SUBSTANCES

Dependency Screening Tool



2-Level Review



Screen Out

Notify Law
Enforcement
if
abuse/crime
not by the
“WHO”

- Reporter information may be shared

Screen Out

Process for Reporter to Challenge Screen Out

- Inform no assessment, basis for decision, right to /procedure for review
- Designate person and manner review is conducted

Notice to Reporter



w/in 5 working days of report

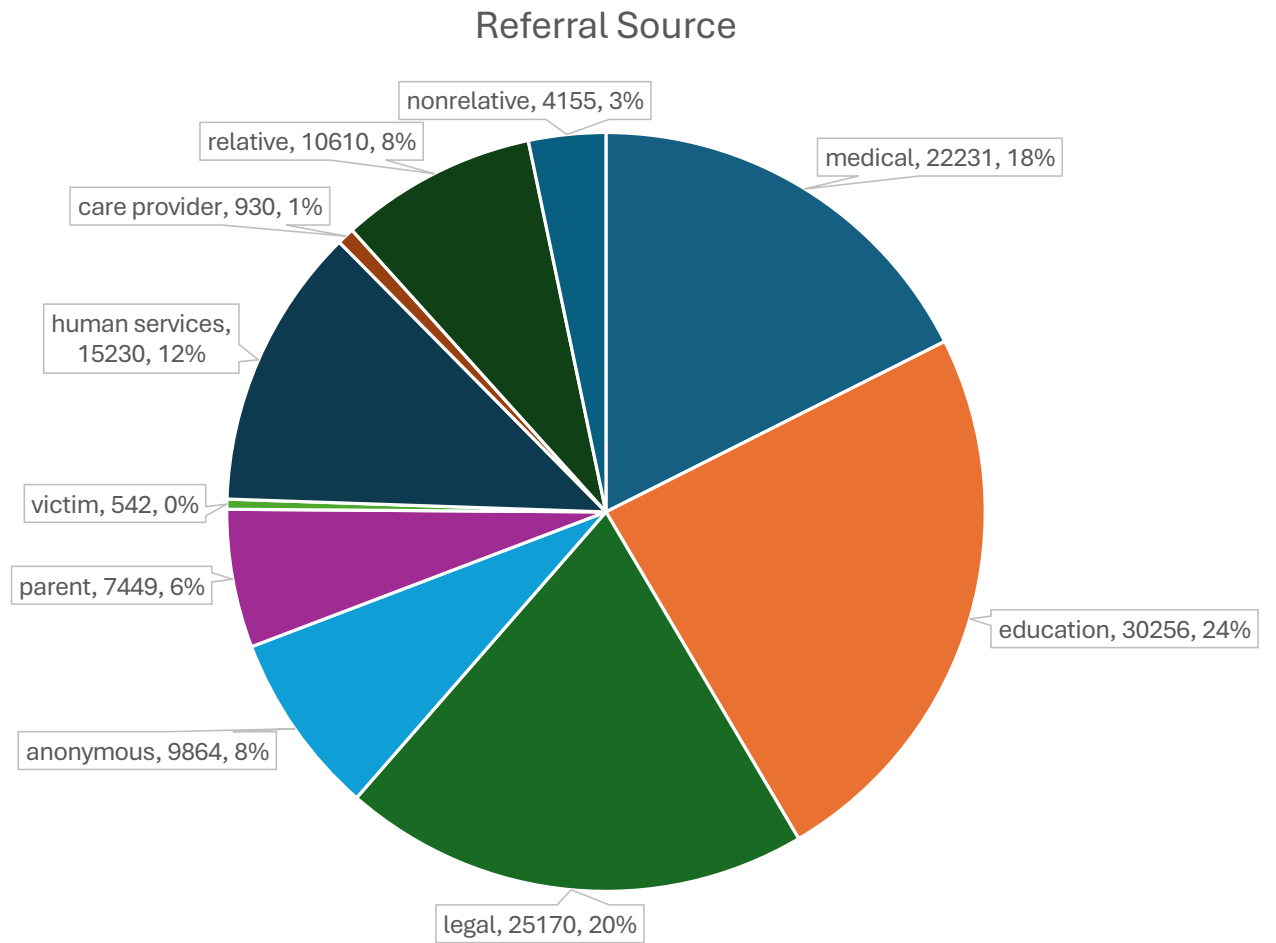


Whether accepted for assessment

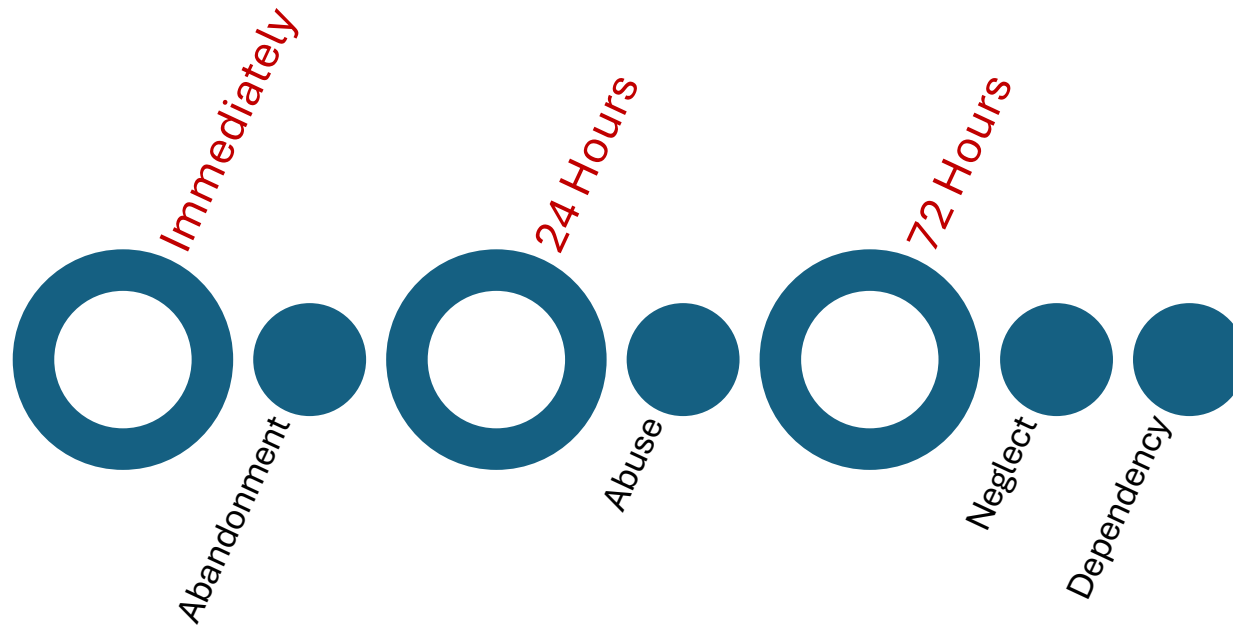


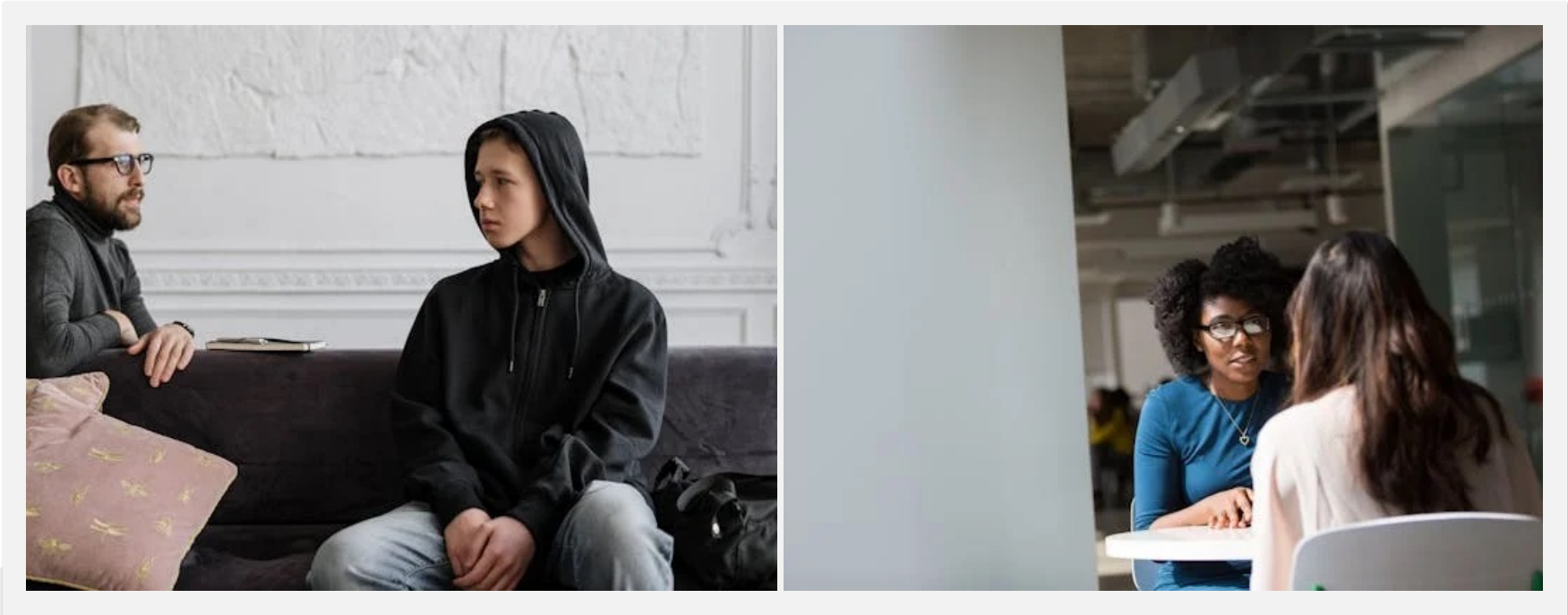
Whether referred to law enforcement

Screened In 119,324 Children



2. Assessments





Assessment





Home where child lives



Contact Collaterals

G.S. 7B-302(e)



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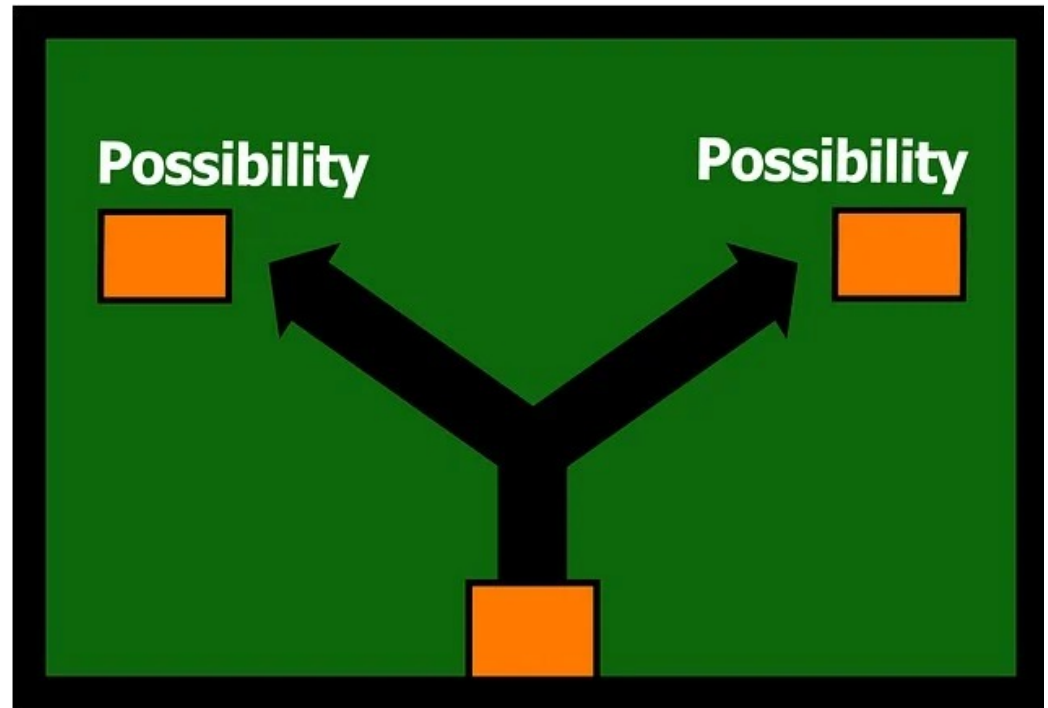


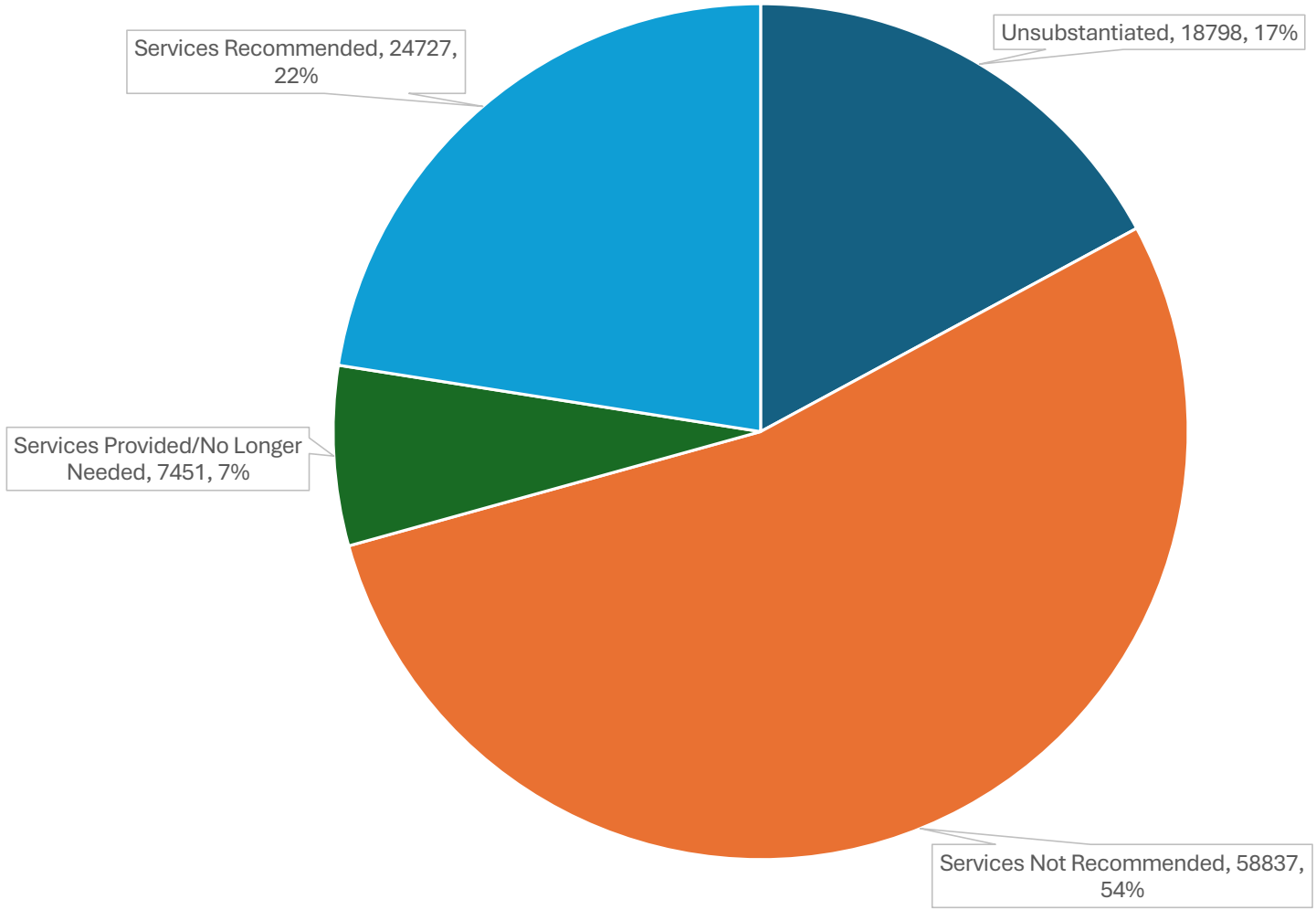
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Failure without Lawful Excuse

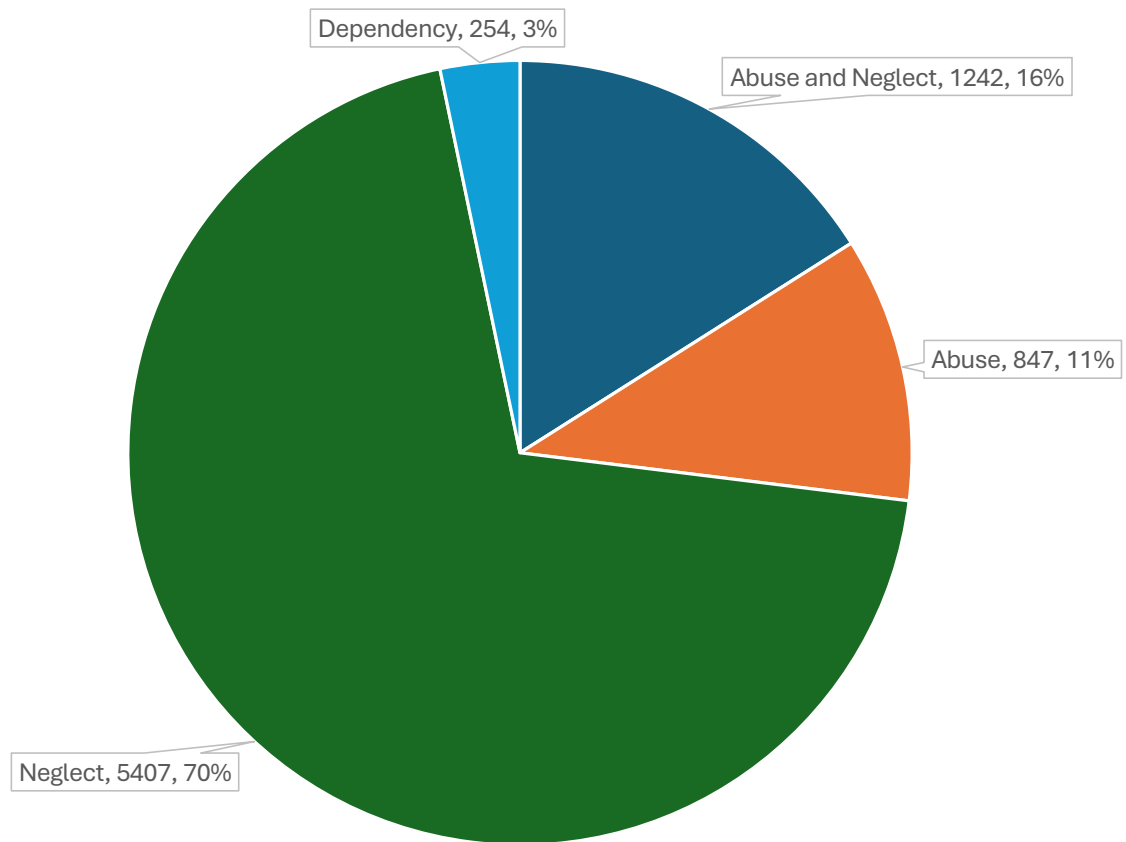
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				G.S. 7B-303
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3. Outcomes





Findings (Not Exclusive)





Protective Services

- Referrals
- Case Plan for In-Home Services
- Temporary Custody Possible
- Petition Filed in Court with or without Nonsecure Custody



Notice to Reporter

- w/in 5 working days of completing Ax
- Whether there is a finding
- If action is being taken
- If so, what
- Whether petition was filed



Recourse for Reporter



If no petition filed, request review by prosecutor



5 working days from receipt of DSS notice



Decision w/in 20 days from notice to reporter received



Conference with reporter



In Home Services

- Case Plan
- Voluntary
- Address Conditions
- Ensure Safety

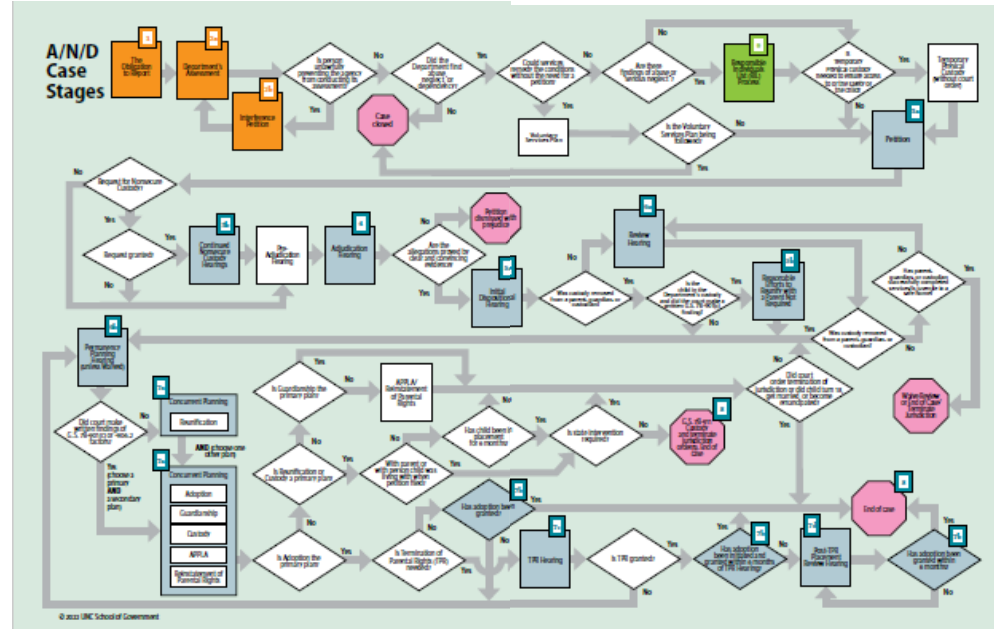


Examples?

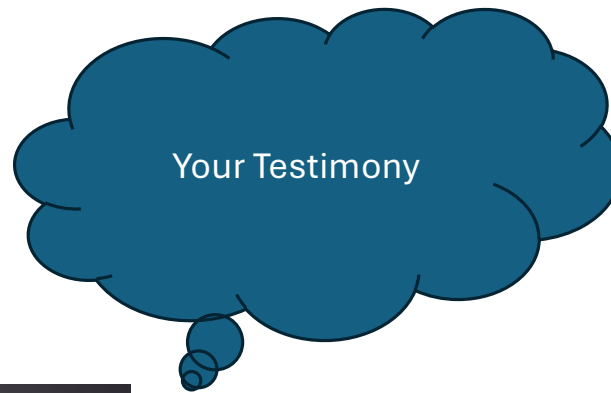
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Complicated Process with Many Stages



May be Involved



Purposes

Protect children and constitutional rights

Provide services that respect family autonomy and child's need for safety, continuity, and permanence

Consider facts, **child's needs and limitations**, and **family's strengths and weaknesses**

Standards for removal and **prevent unnecessary and inappropriate separation** of children from parents

No One Size Fits All



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FY 2022 Statistics in this Presentation

Obtained 11/2/2024 from the UNC Chapel Hill Jordan Institute for Families website: <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma/>

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