



Child Protective Services



Child Welfare System

In-Home Family Services

- Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Assessments
- Family Preservation
- Kinship Navigation



Out of Home Services

- Resource Homes
- Foster Care
- Adoption
- Independent Living

Child Protective Services (CPS)

Protect children
from abuse/neglect

Assist parent/caregivers
to provide proper care &
attention to their children

Remedy & Decrease Risk of
further abuse/neglect

Provide an alternative plan for
care of the child(ren) when a
parent/caregiver is unable

**Protecting
children,
empowering
parents**

Guiding Principles of CPS

The best place for children to grow up is in their families.



Solutions can be achieved in collaboration with the families & communities; permitting children to remain in the home while families are engaged in services to strengthen their ability to safely parent.

Principles to the social work discipline for CPS

- Most CPS clients can **change** their behavior if **provided sufficient help** to motivate and empower them.
- Personal, social and societal **factors** may lead to inadequate parenting and to child maltreatment.
- Most often, they represent examples of **failure & despair**, rather than willful premeditated behaviors.
- Child abuse and neglect are principally **social rather than legal problems**.
- Effective intervention requires CPS to respond in a **non-punitive, non-critical** manner and most importantly, offer help.
- CPS should **collaborate and coordinate** with law enforcement, medical providers and educational personnel, while maintaining our **unique roles and functions**.
- **It is best to keep children with their parents when safety can be assured.**

CPS Responds to:

- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Mental Injury Neglect
- Mental Injury Abuse

Assessment Unit Responds to Risk of Harm

- IPV exposure
- Substance Exposed Newborn
- Risk due to contact with registered child sexual offender
- Prior death or serious injury of child
- Caregiver Impairment

Risk of Harms(ROH)- DV

When do we get involved

*If the report suggests that the child has been injured as a result of domestic violence, it is screened in as a physical abuse.

*If the report suggest that a child in the home has not been injured during a domestic violence incident but has been placed at substantial risk of harm, the report can be screened in as a ROH.



- *Have the children intervened or been physical injured?
- *Has the abuser made threats of homicide or suicide?
- *Does the abuser have access to dangerous weapons or firearms?
- *Has the child witnessed repeated exposure to violence?



Educators
Police Officers
Health Practitioners
Human Services Workers



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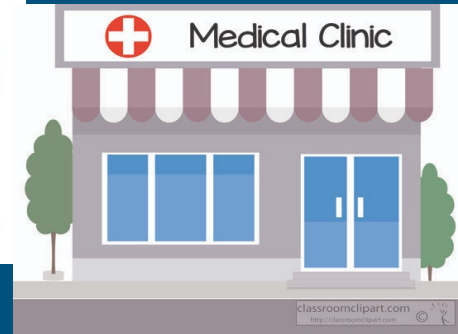
Frederick County CPS Intake

1-800-91PREVENT

Call 24/7 to make reports of suspected
abuse/neglect of a child

CPS/Assessment Response Includes:

- Interviews with all children and adults living in the home
- Interview of all other involved parties
- Home Visit/Safety assessment of home environment
- Risk/Safety Assessment (initial & ongoing)





**KEEP
CALM
AND
ASK
QUESTIONS**