

The following Child Abuse Preventative Treatment (CAPTA) language provision(s) constitutes the proposed update to the Babies Can't Wait Policy Manual's Comprehensive Child Find section. This proposed policy revision is consistent with Part C guidelines and serve to provide guidance related to referrals and the handling of cases of substantiated abuse or neglect at the state and local level.

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E. Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA):

- A. Accept referrals from DFCS to BCW via Children 1st – a single point of entry to a statewide collaborative birth-to-five system of public health and other prevention based programs and services for children under the age of three who are principal members of a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect.
- B. Accept referrals from DFCS to BCW via Children 1st – a single point of entry to a statewide collaborative birth-to-five system of public health and other prevention based programs and services for children under the age of three who are involved in an investigation and have a physical impairment or developmental delay.
- C. Assure that local BCW or Children 1st personnel conduct screenings on children under the age of three who are victims in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect, and who are referred from DFCS.
- D. Assure that DFCS is provided with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)/Treatment Plan, and Status of Eligibility (SOE) with parental consent for children who have been referred by DFCS and have been enrolled in the BCW program. The IFSP and SOE will only be sent to DFCS provided DPH has a signed form by the appropriate parent as defined in section 602(23) of the IDEA of 2004, a “parent” is:
 - 1. A natural adoptive, or foster parent of a child (unless a foster parent is prohibited by State law from serving as a parent*).
 - 2. A guardian (but not the state if the child is a ward of the state);
 - 3. An individual acting in the place of a natural or adoptive parent (including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative) with whom the child lives, or a person who is legally responsible for the child's welfare;
 - 4. An individual assigned to be a surrogate parent, in accordance with Babies Can't Wait Standards.
- E. Assure that local BCW personnel participate in meetings and staffing via conference calls or face-to-face meetings held for foster children (those referred to BCW) and their families when appropriate.
- F. Assure that local C1st/BCW personnel notify DFCS if a parent of a child referred to DPH declines participation with the BCW process and procedures and provides reason given for the refusal of services/Notice of Disposition.
- G. Assure that local BCW personnel provide care coordination/service coordination and intervention for children referred to BCW.