



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5101:2-36-14 Protective service alert.

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(A) A public children services agency (PCSA) will issue a protective service alert (PSA) when the whereabouts of a child and their parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and:

(1) The PCSA receives an abuse or neglect report and has reason to believe the child is in immediate danger of serious harm or

(2) The PCSA determines that protective services are needed and has reason to believe the child remains at risk of abuse or neglect.

(B) The PCSA is to issue a PSA in Ohio's comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS) and specify whether the PSA is to be processed as an in-state or out-of-state alert.

(C) The PCSA is to attempt to assess/investigate the concerns related to an active PSA upon receipt of updated contact information that may allow the ability to locate the family.

(D) Upon receipt of the notification that a person has been located, the PCSA who has located a person is to cancel the PSA in Ohio's CCWIS.
