



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-36-12 PCSA requirements for cross-referring reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

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(A) The provisions of rule 5101:2-33-21 of the Administrative Code regarding confidentiality apply to all cross-referrals of child abuse and/or neglect specified by this rule.

(B) Upon receipt of a referral, the public children services agency (PCSA) is to notify licensing and supervising authorities when abuse or neglect allegedly occurs in an out-of-home care setting pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code.

(C) At minimum, the PCSA is to make a cross referral to law enforcement:

(1) Within seven calendar days of screening in a report alleging abuse in which law enforcement is not the referent.

(2) Within seven calendar days of screening in a report alleging neglect in which law enforcement is not the referent if the PCSA implements a legally authorized out-of-home placement due to neglect.

(D) The PCSA is to cross refer reports of child abuse and/or neglect in accordance with the PCSA's county child abuse and neglect memorandum of understanding pursuant to rule 5101:2-33-26 of the Administrative Code, and if applicable, the interagency agreement with a child advocacy center pursuant to section 2151.428 of the Revised Code.

(E) As applicable, the PCSA is to promptly disseminate all information determined to be relevant to any federal, state, or local governmental entity, any agency providing prevention services to the child, or any agent of such entity, in accordance with section 2151.423 of the Revised Code.
