

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Health and Family Services
Division of Children and Family Services

DCFS Memo Series 2004 - 12
June 23, 2004
Re: CAPTA: ASSESSING THE
SAFETY OF DRUG-AFFECTED
INFANTS

To: Area Administrators/Assistant Area Administrators
Bureau Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Developmental Disabilities
Services Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Licensing Chiefs/Section Chiefs
Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators

From: Kitty Kocol
Administrator

BACKGROUND

In June of 2003, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) was reauthorized by Congress. It contained several new requirements for child protective service (CPS) practice. One requirement is for "the development of a plan of safe care for the infant born and identified as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms."

The attached policy is an addition to the *Child Protective Service Investigation Standards* and describes the requirement to accept referrals of drug-affected infants and develop a safety plan if the child is unsafe. The policy is effective June 25, 2004.

REGIONAL OFFICE CONTACT: Area Administrator

CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACT: CPS Policy & Consultation Specialist
Bureau of Safety and Well-Being
Division of Safety and Permanence
608-422-6969

MEMO WEB SITE: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal>

Attachment: Assessing the Safety of Drug-Affected Infants
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy?accactive=0>