

Reports and Assessments Involving Substance Use



Unborn Child Abuse

Before Birth

An expectant mother exhibits a **“habitual lack of self-control** in the use of alcohol beverages, controlled substances or controlled substance analogs **to a severe degree”** and that use causes **“serious physical harm** inflicted on the unborn child, and the risk of serious physical harm to the child when born” ([IV.A.1.a](#))

CPS Report



Unborn Child Exposed to Controlled Substance

Before Birth

An expectant mother’s test results are positive for controlled substances, controlled substance analogs, or alcohol as reported by a physician ([I.A.2.](#))

There is no indication that the allegation meets the definition of Unborn Child Abuse

Services Report



Drug Affected Newborn

Initial drug screening after birth

Newborns with controlled substances or controlled substance analogs in their bodily fluids as determined by a physician ([IV.A.2.a](#))

Services Report



Drug Endangered Child

Anytime after initial drug screening

Child at risk of physical, mental or emotional harm as a result of parent/caregiver substance misuse or whose caregiver’s substance use interferes with the caregiver’s ability to parent and provide a safe environment.*

*Definition adapted from the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

CPS Report



Unborn Child Abuse

Before Birth

CPS Report

Specific info to be gathered
at Access: [IV.A.1.B](#)

Screen In or Out, depending
on criteria: [VI.A.1.a.](#)

Allegation Code: Unborn
Child Abuse

Maltreater not identified

Other forms of maltreatment
only applicable in relation to
other children in the
expectant parent's care

For Indian Children:
Tribes **must** be notified of
the report.



Unborn Child Exposed to Controlled Substance

Before Birth

Services Report

Must be Screened In if
reported by physician. Any
other reports may be screened
in under [I.A.3](#)

No maltreater
(services report)

Specific Services Requested:
"Other Services"

Other forms of maltreatment
only applicable in relation to
other children in the expectant
parent's care, which would
require a separate CPS report

For Indian Children:
Tribes **must** be notified of the
report.



Drug Affected Newborn

After Birth, initial drug
screening

Services Report

Specific Services Requested:
"Drug Affected Infant"

Specific info to be gathered
at Access: [IV.A.2.B](#)

Must be Screened In if
reported by physician

No maltreater
(services report)

Other forms of maltreatment
only if there is additional
information of abuse or
neglect post-birth
Other forms of maltreatment
in relation to other children in
the parent's care, which would
require a separate CPS report

For Indian Children:
Tribes **must** be notified of the
report.



Drug Endangered Child

Anytime after initial drug
screening

CPS Report

Follow [section III](#) guidance
for information gathering for
all cases

May qualify as a present or
impending danger requiring
CPS intervention

Screen In or Out, depending
on whether reported
information meets criteria for
abuse or neglect: [VI.A](#)

Maltreater identified

Typically categorized as
neglect, other forms of
maltreatment only if there is
additional information of
abuse

For Indian Children:
Tribes **must** be notified of the
report.



Unborn Child Abuse

Before Birth

Maltreater cannot be identified

IA Completed if screened in

Specific info to be gathered during Initial Assessment:
[XV.A](#)

No substantiation; services needed or services not needed ([XX.C.](#))

Other forms of maltreatment only applicable in relation to other children in the expectant parent's care

Allegation Code: Unborn Child Abuse



Unborn Child Exposed to Controlled Substance

Before Birth

No maltreater (services report)

Must offer services and treatment OR referral to community service ([146.0255\(2\)](#))

Specific Services Requested: "Other Services"

Other forms of maltreatment only applicable in relation to other children in the expectant parent's care, which would require a separate CPS report



Drug Affected Newborn

After Birth, initial drug screening

No maltreater (services report)

Must offer services and treatment OR referral to community service ([146.0255\(2\)](#))

Plan of Safe Care required if reported by physician: agency managed safety plan, referral, or family has a plan in place ([IV.A.2](#))

Other forms of maltreatment only if there is additional information of abuse or neglect post-birth or in relation to other children in the parent's care, which would require a separate CPS report

Specific Services Requested: "Drug Affected Infant"



Drug Endangered Child

Anytime after initial drug screening

Maltreater identified, if known

Initial Assessment decisions in accordance with Access & IA standards ([XX.](#))

Typically categorized as neglect, other forms of maltreatment only if there is additional information of abuse

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