

CHAPTER 133
INITIAL RESPONSE AND SERVICE DELIVERY
GENERAL PROVISIONS

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10:133-1.1 Purpose

(a) The purpose of the series of chapters on initial response and service delivery is to describe certain services provided by the Division, the processes used by the Division to determine what actions to take in response to a referral or application for those services, what applicants and clients may expect of the Division, and any standards and requirements for applicants, clients, and the Division related to those services.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to provide certain general provisions and to define certain words and terms to be used throughout the chapters on initial response from the Division and service delivery by the Division which follow, so as to provide standardization and ease of accessibility to the user of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

10:133-1.2 Scope

The provisions of this chapter and this series of chapters apply to each Division representative, each applicant for services from the Division, each client receiving services from the Division, each person referred for Division services, each person making referrals to the Division, and each out-of-home placement provider for a child under the supervision of the Division.

10:133-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Abused or neglected child” means a child:

1. Less than 18 years of age:

i. Whose parent or guardian inflicts, or allows to be inflicted upon such child, physical injury by other than accidental means, which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ;

ii. Whose parent or guardian creates or allows to be created a substantial or ongoing risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ;

iii. Whose parent or guardian commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse against the child;

iv. Whose physical, mental, or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as the result of the failure of his or her parent or guardian to exercise a minimum degree of care:

(1) In supplying the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, medical or surgical care, though financially able to do so, or though offered financial or other reasonable means to do so; or

(2) In providing the child with proper supervision or guardianship, by unreasonably inflicting or allowing to be inflicted harm, or substantial risk thereof, including the infliction of excessive corporal punishment; or by any other acts of a similarly serious nature requiring the aid of the court;

v. Who has been willfully abandoned by his or her parent or guardian;

vi. Upon whom excessive physical restraint has been used under circumstances which do not indicate that the child's behavior is harmful to himself or herself, others or property; or

vii. Who is in an institution other than a day school, and:

(1) Has been placed there inappropriately for a continued period of time with the knowledge that the placement has resulted or may continue to result in harm to the child's mental or physical well-being; or

(2) Has been willfully isolated from ordinary social contact under circumstances which indicate emotional or social deprivation;

2. No child who in good faith is under treatment by spiritual means alone, through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof, shall for this reason alone be considered to be abused or neglected.

"Adoption" means the legal transfer of all parental rights and responsibilities from the parent to a person willing to assume those rights and responsibilities.

"Adoption subsidy" means financial payments made for the care, maintenance and medical and surgical expenses of a hard-to-place child to the person with whom the child has been placed for adoption or by whom the child has been adopted or to a medical provider when such medical and surgical payments are applied for prior to adoption.

"Applicant" means a person, either adult or minor, who requests services from the Division, for himself or herself or his or her family; or a person referred by another person or agency for child welfare services. For the purposes of N.J.A.C. 10:133 through 10:133K, the term "applicant" does not include those people who request or need information only, nor does it include persons applying to become foster parents, adoptive parents or other providers of service.

"Assessment" means the gathering of information, evaluation of the information gathered to determine the client's service needs, and the determination of who shall provide the needed services.

"Assistant Commissioner" means the Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Youth and Family Services in the Department of Human Services.

"Camp" means a set of recreational and developmental activities on either a day or residential basis for limited duration during the summer months.

"Case Assessment Resource Team" or "CART" means an entity established by the Department of Human Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-66 through 73 that reviews the needs of every child who is at risk of separation from his or her family for the purpose of psychiatric, psychological or emotional treatment in a residential placement, including Arthur Brisbane Child Treatment Center, in excess of 30 days, whether in New Jersey or out-of-State, or is returning from a residential placement, and recommends a service plan that best meets the needs of that child and his or her family.

"Case management" means the method by which the Division addresses the client's needs and develops and administers a case plan through the direct activities of the Division's representatives who provide or coordinate the delivery of appropriate services.

"Case plan" means a written statement of the Division's intervention on behalf of a child, which includes identification of the problems which necessitate Division involvement with the family, the services or actions needed, who will accomplish or provide them, and the planned time frame for providing each service.

"Child" means any person less than 18 years of age, except as otherwise provided by N.J.S.A. 9:17B-2f.

"Child care" means a series of comprehensive and coordinated activities provided to each individual child for a portion of the day, which provides direct personal care, attention, and supervision, which may include education, socialization, nutritional, referral and transportation activities, and which is provided in a licensed child care center or school-age child care program, in a registered family day care home, or in the child's own home by an individual approved by the Division.

"Child welfare information" means every record, computer file, verbal or written report and evaluation relating to any service provided by the Division except records defined as protective service information.

"Child welfare services" or "welfare services" or "services" means consultation, counseling, and referral to or utilization of available resources, for the purpose of determining and correcting or adjusting matters and circumstances which are endangering the welfare of a child, and for the purpose of promoting his or her proper development and adjustment in the family and the community; also, as defined under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 620 et seq., as from time to time amended.

"Client" means any person including an applicant receiving a service from the Division or any person referred to the Division for services.