

TITLE 3A
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHAPTER 1

ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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3A:1-1.1 Mission of the Department

The mission of the Department is to ensure the safety, well-being, and success of children and families in partnership with New Jersey's communities.

3A:1-1.2 Description of the Department

(a) The Department of Children and Families consists of the following divisions and offices:

- 1. Division of Child Protection and Permanency;
2. Division of Children's System of Care;

- 3. Division of Family and Community Partnerships;
4. Division on Women;
5. Office of Adolescent Services;
6. Office of Advocacy;
7. Office of Education;
8. Office of Licensing; and
9. Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit.

(b) The Department provides services to clients directly through its own staff, through contracts with various social service agencies, and by referrals to other social service agencies.

(c) In addition to the offices and units listed in (a) above, the Department also has various administrative units.

3A:1-1.3 Communication with the Department

(a) Any person shall report a suspected abused or neglected child to the Department's State Central Registry at 1-877-NJABUSE (1-877-652-2873).

(b) Any person can obtain information about the Department and its services at: www.nj.gov/dcf.

(c) Any person can receive program and funding updates by enrolling in the Department's mailing list at: www.nj.gov/dcf/contact/maillinglist.html.

(d) Any person can request information or make submissions to the Department by:

- 1. E-mailing the Department at: askdcf@dcf.state.nj.us;
2. Writing to:
Department of Children and Families
PO Box 717
Trenton, New Jersey 08625; or
3. Telephoning the Department at 1-877-543-7864 Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., excepting State holidays.