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# Preface

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# Introduction

The National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) is an initiative of the Children's Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). NCANDS was established as a voluntary, national data collection and reporting system to comply with 1988 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) amendments.

During 1996, CAPTA was amended to require all states that receive funds from the Basic State Grant program to work with the Secretary of HHS to provide specific data, to the maximum extent practicable, about children who had been maltreated. Subsequent CAPTA amendments added data elements, many of which are reported by states to NCANDS.

NCANDS data are published annually in the Child Maltreatment report. The most recent edition and other reports dating back to 1995 are available on the Children's Bureau website at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>.

With the assistance of WRMA, Inc., a successful federal-state partnership is the core component of NCANDS. Each state designates one person to be an NCANDS state contact. The NCANDS state contacts from all 52 states, including the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, work with the Children's Bureau and the NCANDS Technical Team to uphold the high-quality standards associated with NCANDS data.

## Reporting Year

The NCANDS reporting year is based on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), or October 1 through the following September 30.

## Reporting States

Each of the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, may submit two data files each year:

- Child File contains case-level data
- Agency File contains aggregate-level data

In prior years, states that were not able to submit case-level data in the Child File

submitted an aggregate data file called the Summary Data Component (SDC). Because all states now have the capacity to submit case-level data, the SDC was discontinued as of the 2012 data collection.

## **Overview of the NCANDS Data Collection and Submission Cycle**

States submit case-level data by constructing an electronic file of child-specific records for each screened-in report of alleged child abuse and neglect that received a Child Protective Services (CPS) response. Each state's file only includes completed reports that resulted in a disposition (or finding) as an outcome of the CPS response during the reporting year. The data submission containing these case-level data is called the Child File.

The Child File is supplemented by agency-level aggregate statistics in a separate data submission called the Agency File. The Agency File contains data that are not reportable at the child-specific level and are often gathered from agencies external to CPS. States are asked to submit both the Child File and the Agency File each year.

Upon receipt of data from each state, a technical validation review is conducted to assess the internal consistency of the data and to identify probable causes for missing data. In some instances, the reviews concluded that corrections were necessary and the state was requested to resubmit its data. Once a state's case-level data are finalized, counts are computed and shared with the state. The Agency File data also are subjected to various logic and consistency checks.

## **Overview of the Child File Record**

Each record in the Child File contains information about a child associated with a report of alleged child abuse or neglect. All of the data elements in the record are grouped into these data sections:

- Report Data (fields 1-13) contains the two identifying fields (submission year and State ID) and general information about the report. The first identifying field for the record is the Report ID. The second identifying field for the record is the Child ID. All remaining fields in the report data section are attributes related to the Report ID. If a report involves multiple children, the report data fields, with the exception of the Child ID, are

identical on each record containing the same Report ID. For example, if there were three children in the report, the data in the entire report data section would be identical for all three child records, except for the three different Child IDs. Data in other sections may vary.

- Child Data (fields 14-25) contains general information about the specific child in the record. All fields in this section are attributes related to the Child ID. States submit data for all data sections through the 'Services Provided' section (fields 1-85) and for 'Additional Fields' (143-148). Data for the 'Perpetrators' section (fields 86-142) is submitted only if the child in the record is a substantiated or indicated victim.
- Maltreatment Data (fields 26-34) includes information about maltreatment types and maltreatment disposition levels. Up to four allegations of maltreatment are coded with the corresponding decision regarding the allegation. The field measuring maltreatment death is also included in this section as it is a contributor in determining the child victim status. There is no data in this section indicating the severity of maltreatment.
- Child Risk Factors (fields 35-43) contains data about the child's characteristics or environment that may place the child at-risk for maltreatment. This includes alcohol or drug abuse, diagnosed physical disabilities, or learning and behavioral disorders.
- Caregiver Risk Factors (fields 44-55) contains data about the child's caregiver characteristics or environment that may place the child at-risk for maltreatment. This includes domestic violence, substance abuse, financial problems, housing, and more.
- Services Provided (fields 56-85) contains information about services that are provided for the child or family. Post-response (post-investigation) services are reported to NCANDS if they were delivered between the report date (date the report was received) and up to 90 days after the disposition date. For services that began prior to the report date, if they continued past the report disposition date this would imply that the investigation or alternative response reaffirmed the need and continuation of the services, and they are reported to NCANDS as post-response services. Services that do not meet the definition of post-response services are those that (1) began prior to the report date but did not continue past the disposition date or (2) began more than 90 days after the disposition date.

- Perpetrator Data (fields 86-142) contains information about perpetrators of maltreatment. Up to three perpetrators per child may be reported. If the child was not found to be a victim of maltreatment, the perpetrator data section is left blank. The four perpetrator maltreatment fields for each perpetrator are linked to the four sets of maltreatment types and disposition level fields reported for the child victim (fields 26-34).
- Additional Fields (fields 143-148) contains any new fields that were added to the Child File subsequent to its creation in 2001, including derived variables.

Please note that WRMA, Inc.'s codebook includes a section 'Staff Data' (fields 86-87) since it is collected by the states, including identifier information about the CPS worker and the CPS worker's supervisor who were associated with the child on the date of the report disposition.

However, those data elements are not included in this codebook or data files since that information is not distributed for secondary analysis. As previously noted, there may be other field names and properties in the WRMA, Inc. codebook that differ from those in this codebook.

# **NCANDS Child File Codebook**

## **Child File Record**

# Report Data

# #1 Submission Year

**Variable Name:** SubYr

**Variable Label:** Submission Year

**Definition:**

The submission year is the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 12-month period. The FFY is from October 1 through September 30.

The year of data submission is based on the **report disposition date**. All report disposition dates fall within the submission year. The report date may have occurred in a previous fiscal year.

All records have the same year in this field.

**Data Type:** 2-byte integer

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #2 State or Territory

**Variable Name:** StaTerr

**Variable Label:** State or Territory

**Definition:**

The U.S. Postal Service two-character abbreviation for the state or territory submitting the Child File. In the NCANDS Child File, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have the same status as states.

**Data Type:** Char(2)

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label	Value	Value Label
AK	Alaska	MT	Montana
AL	Alabama	NC	North Carolina
AR	Arkansas	ND	North Dakota
AZ	Arizona	NE	Nebraska
CA	California	NH	New Hampshire
CO	Colorado	NJ	New Jersey
CT	Connecticut	NM	New Mexico
DC	District of Columbia	NV	Nevada
DE	Delaware	NY	New York
FL	Florida	OH	Ohio
GA	Georgia	OK	Oklahoma
HI	Hawaii	OR	Oregon
IA	Iowa	PA	Pennsylvania
ID	Idaho	PR	Puerto Rico
IL	Illinois	RI	Rhode Island
IN	Indiana	SC	South Carolina
KS	Kansas	SD	South Dakota
KY	Kentucky	TN	Tennessee
LA	Louisiana	TX	Texas
MA	Massachusetts	UT	Utah
MD	Maryland	VA	Virginia
ME	Maine	VT	Vermont
MI	Michigan	WA	Washington
MN	Minnesota	WI	Wisconsin
MO	Missouri	WV	West Virginia
MS	Mississippi	WY	Wyoming

## #3 Report ID

**Variable Name:** RptID

**Variable Label:** Report Identifier (encrypted)

**Definition:**

A unique identifier assigned to each report of child maltreatment.

This identifier is not the original state-generated report identifier, but is an encrypted version assigned by the state for the purposes of the data collection. The Report ID is unique within the state, only used for a report once and never used again. A report can have more than one child associated with it. Thus, the same Report ID can appear in more than one record in a year.

**Data Type:** Char(12)

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #4 Child ID

**Variable Name:** ChID

**Variable Label:** Child Identifier (encrypted)

**Definition:**

A unique identifier assigned to each child.

This identifier is not the original state-generated child identifier, but is an encrypted identifier assigned by the state for the purposes of the Child File data collection. The Child ID is unique within the state, only to be used for a single child and never used again. This allows for a child to be uniquely identified in different reports within the same year and across different reporting years (with some limitations – see NCANDS User’s Guide: Analytic Considerations).

**Data Type:** Char(12)

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #5 State/County FIPS Code

**Variable Name:** RptFIPS

**Variable Label:** State and County FIPS Code

**Definition:**

The combined state and county Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code of the jurisdiction to which the report of alleged child maltreatment was assigned for a CPS response. It may or may not be the child's county of residence.

The first two characters are the state code; the last three are the county code.

If a county has less than 700 records, then county FIPS codes are masked (i.e. set to 000) for all records from that county.

**Data Type:** Char(5)

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
XX999	State Code with Missing County
XX000	State Code and County; Fewer than 700 Records
00000	Child Died

## #6 Report Date

**Variable Name:** RptDt

**Variable Label:** Report Date

**Definition:**

The month, day, and year that the responsible agency was notified of the suspected child maltreatment referral. This is the date that the report of maltreatment was made. If a state combines several allegations into one report, the date of the report is the date of the initial allegation. The determination as to whether additional allegations are considered part of the original report or whether they are considered a new report is left to each state's procedures.

To help assure confidentiality of the data, this date has been rounded to either the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month. All other dates in this data are then similarly adjusted by the same number of days to maintain the timespan between all dates.

Date fields are in the “yyyymmdd” format.

**Data Type:** Date

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #7 Report Time

**Variable Name:** RptTm

**Variable Label:** Report Time

**Definition:**

The hour and minute of the report date when the responsible agency was notified of the suspected child maltreatment referral.

The Report Time is the time of the day that is specified as the Report Date. If the Report Time is unknown or missing, the state leaves this field blank.

This variable was not reported prior to fiscal year 2013.

Time fields are in the “hh:mm” format.

**Data Type:** Time

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #8 Investigation Start Date

**Variable Name:** InvDate

**Variable Label:** Investigation Start Date

**Definition:**

The date when CPS first had face-to-face contact with the alleged victim of child maltreatment. If this face-to-face contact was not possible, the date would be when CPS initially contacted any party who could provide information essential to the investigation or assessment.

This date is adjusted so that the interval between it and the report date is preserved after the report date was rounded to either the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

Date fields are in the “yyyymmdd” format.

**Data Type:** Date

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #9 Investigation Start Time

**Variable Name:** InvStrTm

**Variable Label:** Investigation Start Time

**Definition:**

The hour and minute when CPS first had face-to-face contact with the alleged victim of child maltreatment.

The Investigation Start Time is the time of the day that is specified as the Investigation Start Date.

If this face-to-face contact was not possible, the time would be when CPS initially contacted any party who could provide information essential to the investigation or assessment.

This variable was not reported prior to fiscal year 2013.

Time fields are in the “hh:mm” format.

**Data Type:** Time

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #10 Report Source

**Variable Name:** RptSrc

**Variable Label:** Report Source

**Definition:**

The category or role of the person who made the report of alleged maltreatment.

This is the primary source of screening information for the initial report. If multiple sources are collected by the state, the initial source is reported in this field.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Social Services Personnel
2	Medical Personnel
3	Mental Health Personnel
4	Legal, Law Enforcement, or Criminal Justice Personnel
5	Education Personnel
6	Child Daycare Provider
7	Substitute Care Provider
8	Alleged Victim
9	Parent
10	Other Relative
11	Friends/Neighbors
12	Alleged Perpetrator
13	Anonymous Reporter
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #11 Report Disposition

**Variable Name:** RptDisp

**Variable Label:** Report Disposition

**Definition:**

The final determination (disposition) resulting from the CPS investigation or assessment about whether an alleged maltreatment occurred. The report disposition reflects the most severe maltreatment disposition of all allegations on the full report (which can encompass multiple children), therefore, there may be a child on the report who only has unsubstantiated maltreatment even if the overall report (e.g. RptDisp) is substantiated.

“Substantiated” or “Indicated or Reason to Suspect” means that at least one child on the report was found to be a victim.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
1	Substantiated
2	Indicated or Reason to Suspect
3	Alternative Response Victim
4	Alternative Response Nonvictim
5	Unsubstantiated
6	Unsubstantiated Due to Intentionally False Reporting
7	Closed-No Finding
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #12 Report Disposition Date

**Variable Name:** RpDispDt

**Variable Label:** Report Disposition Date

**Definition:**

The month, day, and year that a decision was made by CPS or by a court regarding the disposition of a CPS investigation.

This is the date that the final report disposition was determined. The report disposition date identifies all reports to be included in the current data submission period. If maltreatment dispositions are associated with different disposition dates, the report disposition date is assigned to the latest of these dates.

This date is adjusted so that the interval between it and the report date is preserved after the report date was rounded to either the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

Date fields are in the “yyyymmdd” format.

**Data Type:** Date

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #13 Notifications

**Variable Name:** Notifs

**Variable Label:** Notifications

**Definition:**

Mandated or courtesy contacting of other agencies with overlapping or potentially overlapping jurisdiction concerning a referral of child maltreatment.

This field is used to indicate the type(s) of official notification concerning the report of maltreatment.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	None
2	Police/Prosecutor
3	Licensing Agency
4	Both
8	Other
9	Unknown or Missing

# Child Data

## #14 Child Age at Report

**Variable Name:** ChAge

**Variable Label:** Child Age at Report

**Definition:**

Age, calculated in years, as of the date of the referral of child maltreatment (RptDt).

A child age ranges from 0 to 23, or 77 if the child is unborn and 99 if the child age is unknown. Any reported ages over 23 are top-coded to 23.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
0	Under One Year
77	Unborn
99	Unknown or Missing

## #15 Child Sex

**Variable Name:** ChSex

**Variable Label:** Child Sex

**Definition:**

The biological sex of the child as reported.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Male
2	Female
9	Unknown or Missing

## #16 Child Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Variable Name:** ChRacAI

**Variable Label:** Child Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Definition:**

Having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

This field indicates the child identifies themselves as a member of this race, or the parent identifies the child as a member of this race.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #17 Child Race Asian

**Variable Name:** ChRacAs

**Variable Label:** Child Race Asian

**Definition:**

Having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including for example Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

This field indicates the child identifies themselves as a member of this race, or the parent identifies the child as a member of this race.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #18 Child Race Black or African American

**Variable Name:** ChRacBI

**Variable Label:** Child Race Black or African American

**Definition:**

Having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

This field indicates the child identifies themselves as a member of this race, or the parent identifies the child as a member of this race.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #19 Child Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Variable Name:** ChRacNH

**Variable Label:** Child's Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Definition:**

Having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

This field indicates if the child identifies themselves as a member of this race, or the parent identifies the child as a member of this race.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #20 Child Race White

**Variable Name:** ChRacWh

**Variable Label:** Child Race White

**Definition:**

Having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

This field indicates if the child identifies themselves as a member of this race, or the parent identifies the child as a member of this race.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #21 Child Race Unable to Determine

**Variable Name:** ChRacUD

**Variable Label:** Child Race Unable to Determine

**Definition:**

The inability to determine child's race and no one is available to identify it.

This field indicates neither the child nor parent, nor any collateral, is able to identify the child as a member of any race.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #22 Child Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity

**Variable Name:** CEthn

**Variable Label:** Child Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity

**Definition:**

Having an ethnicity of Hispanic or Latino, such as a person from Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South or Central America, or other Spanish language culture, regardless of race.

Whether or not a child is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity is determined by how others define them or by how they define themselves. In the case of young children, parents determine the ethnicity of the child.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #23 Child Living Arrangement

**Variable Name:** ChLvng

**Variable Label:** Child Living Arrangement

**Definition:**

The environment in which a child was residing at the time of the alleged incident of maltreatment.

An "88" is restricted to formal settings such as hospitals and other secure facilities.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Married Two Parent Household with Two Biological/Adoptive Parents
2	Married Two Parent Household with One Biological/Adoptive Parent and One Step-Parent
3	Unmarried Two Parent Household with Two Biological/Adoptive Parents
4	Unmarried Two Parent Household with One Biological/Adoptive Parent and One Cohabiting Partner
5	Two Parent Household, Marital Status Unknown
6	Single Parent Household, Mother Only
7	Single Parent Household, Father Only
8	Single Parent, Mother and Other Adult (Grandparent, Uncle, Aunt, Unrelated Adult, etc.)
9	Single Parent, Father and Other Adult (Grandparent, Uncle, Aunt, Unrelated Adult, etc.)
10	Non-parent Relative Caregiver Household (includes Relative Foster Care)
11	Non-relative Caregiver Household (includes Non-relative Foster Care)
12	Group Home or Residential Treatment Setting
88	Other Setting (Hospital, Secure Facilities, etc.)



## #24 Military Family Member

**Variable Name:** ChMil

**Variable Label:** Military Family Member

**Definition:**

A legal dependent of a person on active duty in the Armed Services of the United States (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or Activated Reserves or National Guard).

Active duty refers to the status of a parent at the time of the report or during the investigation. Children of members of the Inactive Reserves, Inactive National Guard, or retired military members are not given a "1" (Yes).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #25 Prior Victim

**Variable Name:** ChPrior

**Variable Label:** Prior Victim

**Definition:**

A child with a previous substantiated or indicated maltreatment disposition.

The field indicates if there are previous substantiated or indicated maltreatment(s) for the child in the state's information system.

"Previous" is defined as a determination that took place prior to the disposition date of the report being included in the dataset.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

# Maltreatment Data

## #26 Maltreatment 1 Type

**Variable Name:** ChMal1

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 1 Type

**Definition:**

A form of child maltreatment as defined by policy and state law. This is the first type of maltreatment recorded on the child's record. If a maltreatment is reported in this field, then a maltreatment level is provided in the corresponding maltreatment disposition level field (*Mal1Lev*).

Labor trafficking is included as “8” (other maltreatment). Sex Trafficking (“7”) was added as a maltreatment type beginning with the FY2018 Child File.

NCANDS recommended mappings for other types of maltreatment as follows:

- Risk of Physical Abuse = Physical Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Risk of Sexual Abuse = Sexual Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Threatened Harm = Emotional Maltreatment or Physical Abuse
- Domestic Violence = Emotional Maltreatment
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Prenatal Substance Abuse Exposure or Abandonment or Educational Neglect = Neglect

For a given child on a given report, up to four different maltreatments may be reported (ChMal1, ChMal2, ChMal3, ChMal4). The order/numbering of maltreatments is noninformative and not indicative of anything (e.g. severity or importance).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Physical Abuse
2	Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities
3	Medical Neglect
4	Sexual Abuse
5	Psychological or Emotional Maltreatment
6	No Alleged Maltreatment
7	Sex Trafficking
8	Other
9	Unknown or Missing

## #27 Maltreatment 1 Disposition Level

**Variable Name:** Mal1Lev

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 1 Disposition

**Definition:**

The determination resulting from the CPS response to a report of alleged child maltreatment.

This is the level of finding for the first type of maltreatment (*ChMal1*) recorded on the child's record. Maltreatment 1 Disposition Level is provided if there is a valid (i.e. not missing) maltreatment type recorded in the Maltreatment 1 Type field (*ChMal1*).

Some states provide a response to all children in a household, whether or not there are any allegations of maltreatment on the other children. In such states, a child who did not have an allegation of maltreatment and was not found to be a victim of maltreatment will have Mal1Lev coded as "8".

"Alternative Response Victim" or "Alternative Response Nonvictim" are only used if a state has a diversified response system (e.g., if a state allows assessments as well investigations in response to a report). The only allowable maltreatment dispositions in an alternative response report are "Alternative Response Victim," "Alternative Response Nonvictim," and "No Alleged Maltreatment."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Substantiated
2	Indicated or Reason to Suspect
3	Alternative Response-Victim
4	Alternative Response-Nonvictim
5	Unsubstantiated
6	Unsubstantiated-Intentionally False Report
7	Closed-No Finding
8	No Alleged Maltreatment
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #28 Maltreatment 2 Type

**Variable Name:** ChMal2

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 2 Type

**Definition:**

A form of child maltreatment as defined by policy and state law. This is the second type of maltreatment recorded on the child's record. If a maltreatment is reported in this field, then a maltreatment level is provided in the corresponding maltreatment disposition level field (*Mal2Lev*).

Labor trafficking is included as “8” (other maltreatment). Sex Trafficking (“7”) was added as a maltreatment type beginning with the FY2018 Child File.

NCANDS recommended mappings for other types of maltreatment as follows:

- Risk of Physical Abuse = Physical Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Risk of Sexual Abuse = Sexual Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Threatened Harm = Emotional Maltreatment or Physical Abuse
- Domestic Violence = Emotional Maltreatment
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Prenatal Substance Abuse Exposure or Abandonment or Educational Neglect = Neglect

For a given child on a given report, up to four different maltreatments may be reported (ChMal1, ChMal2, ChMal3, ChMal4). The order/numbering of maltreatments is noninformative and not indicative of anything (e.g. severity or importance).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Physical Abuse
2	Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities
3	Medical Neglect
4	Sexual Abuse
5	Psychological or Emotional Maltreatment
6	No Alleged Maltreatment
7	Sex Trafficking
8	Other
9	Unknown or Missing

## #29 Maltreatment 2 Disposition Level

**Variable Name:** Mal2Lev

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 2 Disposition

**Definition:**

The determination resulting from the CPS response to a report of alleged child maltreatment.

This is the level of finding for the second type of maltreatment (*ChMal2*) recorded on the child's record. Maltreatment 2 Disposition Level is provided if there is a valid (i.e. not missing) maltreatment type recorded in the Maltreatment 2 Type field (*ChMal2*).

Some states provide a response to all children in a household, whether or not there are any allegations of maltreatment on the other children. In such states, a child who did not have an allegation of maltreatment and was not found to be a victim of maltreatment will have Mal2Lev coded as "8".

"Alternative Response Victim" or "Alternative Response Nonvictim" are only used if a state has a diversified response system (e.g., if a state allows assessments as well investigations in response to a report). The only allowable maltreatment dispositions in an alternative response report are "Alternative Response Victim," "Alternative Response Nonvictim," and "No Alleged Maltreatment."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Substantiated
2	Indicated or Reason to Suspect
3	Alternative Response-Victim
4	Alternative Response-Nonvictim
5	Unsubstantiated
6	Unsubstantiated-Intentionally False Report
7	Closed-No Finding
8	No Alleged Maltreatment
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #30 Maltreatment 3 Type

**Variable Name:** ChMal3

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 3 Type

**Definition:**

A form of child maltreatment as defined by policy and state law. This is the third type of maltreatment recorded on the child's record. If a maltreatment is reported in this field, then a maltreatment level is provided in the corresponding maltreatment disposition level field (*Mal3Lev*).

Labor trafficking is included as “8” (other maltreatment). Sex Trafficking (“7”) was added as a maltreatment type beginning with the FY2018 Child File.

NCANDS recommended mappings for other types of maltreatment as follows:

- Risk of Physical Abuse = Physical Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Risk of Sexual Abuse = Sexual Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Threatened Harm = Emotional Maltreatment or Physical Abuse
- Domestic Violence = Emotional Maltreatment
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Prenatal Substance Abuse Exposure or Abandonment or Educational Neglect = Neglect

For a given child on a given report, up to four different maltreatments may be reported (ChMal1, ChMal2, ChMal3, ChMal4). The order/numbering of maltreatments is noninformative and not indicative of anything (e.g. severity or importance).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Physical Abuse
2	Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities
3	Medical Neglect
4	Sexual Abuse
5	Psychological or Emotional Maltreatment
6	No Alleged Maltreatment
7	Sex Trafficking
8	Other
9	Unknown or Missing

## #31 Maltreatment 3 Disposition Level

**Variable Name:** Mal3Lev

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 3 Disposition

**Definition:**

The determination resulting from the CPS response to a report of alleged child maltreatment.

This is the level of finding for the third type of maltreatment (*ChMal3*) recorded on the child's record. Maltreatment 3 Disposition Level is provided if there is a valid (i.e. not missing) maltreatment type recorded in the Maltreatment 3 Type field (*ChMal3*).

Some states provide a response to all children in a household, whether or not there are any allegations of maltreatment on the other children. In such states, a child who did not have an allegation of maltreatment and was not found to be a victim of maltreatment will have Mal3Lev coded as "8".

"Alternative Response Victim" or "Alternative Response Nonvictim" are only used if a state has a diversified response system (e.g., if a state allows assessments as well investigations in response to a report). The only allowable maltreatment dispositions in an alternative response report are "Alternative Response Victim," "Alternative Response Nonvictim," and "No Alleged Maltreatment."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Substantiated
2	Indicated or Reason to Suspect
3	Alternative Response-Victim
4	Alternative Response-Nonvictim
5	Unsubstantiated
6	Unsubstantiated-Intentionally False Report
7	Closed-No Finding
8	No Alleged Maltreatment
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #32 Maltreatment 4 Type

**Variable Name:** ChMal4

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 4 Type

**Definition:** A form of child maltreatment as defined by policy and state law. This is the fourth type of maltreatment recorded on the child's record. If a maltreatment is reported in this field, then a maltreatment level is provided in the corresponding maltreatment disposition level field (*Mal4Lev*).

Labor trafficking is included as “8” (other maltreatment). Sex Trafficking (“7”) was added as a maltreatment type beginning with the FY2018 Child File.

NCANDS recommended mappings for other types of maltreatment as follows:

- Risk of Physical Abuse = Physical Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Risk of Sexual Abuse = Sexual Abuse or Emotional Maltreatment
- Threatened Harm = Emotional Maltreatment or Physical Abuse
- Domestic Violence = Emotional Maltreatment
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Prenatal Substance Abuse Exposure or Abandonment or Educational Neglect = Neglect

For a given child on a given report, up to four different maltreatments may be reported (ChMal1, ChMal2, ChMal3, ChMal4). The order/numbering of maltreatments is noninformative and not indicative of anything (e.g. severity or importance).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Physical Abuse
2	Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities
3	Medical Neglect
4	Sexual Abuse
5	Psychological or Emotional Maltreatment
6	No Alleged Maltreatment
7	Sex Trafficking
8	Other
9	Unknown or Missing

## #33 Maltreatment 4 Disposition Level

**Variable Name:** Mal4Lev

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment 4 Disposition

**Definition:**

The determination resulting from the CPS response to a report of alleged child maltreatment.

This is the level of finding for the fourth type of maltreatment (*ChMal4*) recorded on the child's record. Maltreatment 4 Disposition Level is provided if there is a valid (i.e. not missing) maltreatment type recorded in the Maltreatment 4 Type field (*ChMal4*).

Some states provide a response to all children in a household, whether or not there are any allegations of maltreatment on the other children. In such states, a child who did not have an allegation of maltreatment and was not found to be a victim of maltreatment will have Mal4Lev coded as "8".

"Alternative Response Victim" or "Alternative Response Nonvictim" are only used if a state has a diversified response system (e.g., if a state allows assessments as well investigations in response to a report). The only allowable maltreatment dispositions in an alternative response report are "Alternative Response Victim," "Alternative Response Nonvictim," and "No Alleged Maltreatment."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Substantiated
2	Indicated or Reason to Suspect
3	Alternative Response-Victim
4	Alternative Response-Nonvictim
5	Unsubstantiated
6	Unsubstantiated-Intentionally False Report
7	Closed-No Finding
8	No Alleged Maltreatment
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #34 Maltreatment Death

**Variable Name:** MalDeath

**Variable Label:** Maltreatment Death

**Definition:**

The child died as a result of abuse or neglect because either: (a) an injury resulting from abuse and/or neglect was the cause of death; or (b) abuse and/or neglect were contributing factors to the cause of death.

If a child dies as a result of maltreatment, but the maltreatment type is unknown, then a maltreatment type code of "9" (unknown) is used in one of the maltreatment fields *ChMal1* through *ChMal4*.

A "1" in this field automatically classifies the child as a victim. If a "1" is reported, at least one maltreatment disposition is either substantiated or indicated.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

# Child Risk Factors

## #35 Alcohol Abuse-Child

**Variable Name:** CdAlc

**Variable Label:** Alcohol Abuse-Child

**Definition:**

Compulsive use of alcohol that is not of a temporary nature. Includes Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or exposure to alcohol during pregnancy.

This field indicates if alcohol abuse or prenatal exposure to alcohol is a problem of the child.

If alcohol and drug abuse cannot be distinguished from each other, the alcohol field and the drug field are both set to "1."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #36 Drug Abuse-Child

**Variable Name:** CdDrug

**Variable Label:** Drug Abuse-Child

**Definition:**

Compulsive use of or need for drugs that is not of a temporary nature. Includes infants exposed to drugs during pregnancy.

This field indicates if drug abuse or prenatal exposure to drugs is a problem of the child.

If alcohol and drug abuse cannot be distinguished from each other, the alcohol field and the drug field are both set to "1."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #37 Intellectual Disability-Child

**Variable Name:** CdRtrd

**Variable Label:** Intellectual Disability-Child

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed condition of reduced general cognitive and motor functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period that adversely affects socialization and learning.

This field indicates if the child has an intellectual disability.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #38 Emotional Disturbance-Child

**Variable Name:** CdEmotnl

**Variable Label:** Emotional Disturbance-Child

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree: an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships; inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal problems. The term includes schizophrenia and autism.

This field indicates if the child has emotional disturbance. The diagnosis is based on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #39 Visual or Hearing Impairment-Child

**Variable Name:** CdVisual

**Variable Label:** Visual or Hearing Impairment-Child

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed condition related to a visual impairment or permanent or fluctuating hearing or speech impairment that may significantly affect functioning or development.

This field indicates if the child has visual or hearing impairment.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #40 Learning Disability-Child

**Variable Name:** CdLearn

**Variable Label:** Learning Disability-Child

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed disorder in basic psychological processes involved in understanding or using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to use mathematical calculations.

The term includes conditions such as perceptual disability, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia.

This field indicates if the child has a learning disability.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #41 Physical Disability-Child

**Variable Name:** CdPhys

**Variable Label:** Physical Disability-Child

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed physical condition that adversely affects day to day motor functioning, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, orthopedic impairments, and other physical disabilities.

This field indicates if the child has a physical disability.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #42 Behavior Problem-Child

**Variable Name:** CdBehav

**Variable Label:** Behavior Problem-Child

**Definition:**

Behavior in the school and/or community that adversely affects socialization, learning, growth, and moral development. These may include adjudicated or non-adjudicated behavior problems. Includes child's running away from home or other placements.

This field indicates if the child has a behavior problem.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #43 Other Medical Condition-Child

**Variable Name:** CdMedicl

**Variable Label:** Other Medical Condition-Child

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed medical condition other than intellectual disability, visual or hearing impairment, physical disability, or being emotionally disturbed, that significantly affects the functioning or development of the child or requires special medical care such as chronic illnesses.

This field indicates if the child has another medical condition, problem, or disability not specified in the previous child risk factor variables. This includes developmental disabilities.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

# Caregiver Risk Factors

## #44 Alcohol Abuse-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCAIc

**Variable Label:** Alcohol Abuse-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

Compulsive use of alcohol that is not of a temporary nature.

This field indicates if alcohol abuse is a problem of the child's caregiver(s).

If alcohol and drug abuse cannot be distinguished from each other, the alcohol field and the drug field are both set to "1."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #45 Drug Abuse-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCDrug

**Variable Label:** Drug Abuse-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

Compulsive use of drugs that is not of a temporary nature.

This field indicates if drug abuse is found to be a risk factor for at least one of the child's caregiver(s).

If alcohol and drug abuse cannot be distinguished from each other, the alcohol field and the drug field are both set to "1."

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #46 Intellectual Disability-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCRtrd

**Variable Label:** Intellectual Disability-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed condition of significantly less than average intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior that adversely affect socialization and learning.

This field indicates if the child's caregiver(s) has/have an intellectual disability.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #47 Emotional Disturbance-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCEmotnl

**Variable Label:** Emotional Disturbance-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree: an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships; inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal problems. The term includes schizophrenia and autism.

This field indicates if the child's caregiver(s) has/have emotional disturbance. The diagnosis is based on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #48 Visual or Hearing Impairment-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCVisual

**Variable Label:** Visual or Hearing Impairment-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed condition related to a visual impairment or permanent or fluctuating hearing or speech impairment that may significantly affect functioning or development.

This field indicates if the child's caregiver(s) has/have visual or hearing impairment.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #49 Learning Disability-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCLearn

**Variable Label:** Learning Disability-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed disorder in basic psychological processes involved in understanding or using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to use mathematical calculations. The term includes conditions such as perceptual disability, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia.

This field indicates if the child's caregiver(s) has/have a learning disability.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #50 Physical Disability-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCPhys

**Variable Label:** Physically Disability-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

A clinically diagnosed physical condition that adversely affects day to day motor functioning, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, orthopedic impairments, and other physical disabilities.

This field indicates if the child's caregiver(s) has/have physical disability.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #51 Other Medical Condition-Caregiver(s)

**Variable Name:** FCMedicl

**Variable Label:** Other Medical Condition-Caregiver(s)

**Definition:**

A medical condition other than intellectual disability, visual or hearing impairment, physical disability, or being emotionally disturbed that significantly affects functioning or development or that requires special medical care such as chronic illnesses. Included are caregivers diagnosed as HIV positive or with AIDS.

This field indicates if the child's caregiver(s) has/have another medical condition, problem or disability not specified in the previous caregiver risk factor variables.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #52 Domestic Violence

**Variable Name:** FCViol

**Variable Label:** Domestic Violence

**Definition:**

Any abusive, violent, coercive, forceful, or threatening act or word inflicted by one member of a family or household on another. This risk factor is applied to a caregiver. The caregiver may be the perpetrator or the victim of domestic violence.

This field indicates if domestic violence exists in the child's home/family environment.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #53 Inadequate Housing

**Variable Name:** FCHouse

**Variable Label:** Inadequate Housing

**Definition:**

Housing facilities that are substandard, overcrowded, unsafe or otherwise inadequate for the child to reside in, including homelessness.

A caregiver risk factor related to substandard, overcrowded, or unsafe housing conditions, including homelessness.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #54 Financial Problems

**Variable Name:** FCMoney

**Variable Label:** Financial Problems

**Definition:**

A risk factor related to the family's inability to provide sufficient financial resources to meet minimum needs.

This field indicates if the child's family has a financial problem.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #55 Public Assistance

**Variable Name:** FCPublic

**Variable Label:** Public Assistance

**Definition:**

Participation in any of the following social service programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), etc.

This field indicates if the child's family is receiving public assistance.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

# Services Provided

## #56 Post-Investigation Services

**Variable Name:** PostServ

**Variable Label:** Post-Investigation Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities directly related to the CPS response and delivered within 90 days after the disposition date.

This field indicates whether services began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family, as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. These services have been delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. Services must continue past the report disposition date for inclusion in the Child File record.

For services that began prior to the current report, the fact that they continued past the current report disposition date implies that the current investigation or assessment for alternative response has reaffirmed the appropriateness of those services and planned to continue them.

Services that begin before the disposition date but do not continue past the disposition date are not included. A service date that is more than 90 days past the disposition date is considered invalid for inclusion.

- If this field is "1" (Yes), the Service Date field (*ServDate*) is required.
- If this field is "1" (Yes), then one or more services variables (fields 58-85) have a "1" (Yes).
- If any other services variables are "1" (Yes), then this field is "1" (Yes).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #57 Service Date

**Variable Name:** ServDate

**Variable Label:** Service Date

**Definition:**

The date services or activities began as a result of needs identified during the CPS response.

Services that begin before the disposition date but do not continue past the disposition date are not included. A service date that is more than 90 days past the disposition date of the report does not meet the inclusion criteria.

This date is adjusted so that the interval between it and the report date is preserved after the report date was rounded to either the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

Date fields are in the “yyyymmdd” format.

**Data Type:** Date

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #58 Family Support Services

**Variable Name:** FamSup

**Variable Label:** Family Support Services

**Definition:**

Community-based services or activities that assist and support parents in their role as caregivers. These services are designed to improve parental competency and healthy child development by helping parents enhance their strengths and resolve problems that may lead to child maltreatment, developmental delays, and family disruption.

Services include peer support and counseling, early developmental screening, parent education, early childhood development, childcare and respite care, home visits, family resource centers, school-linked services, recreation, and job or skills education or training. Programs may address the general population or be targeted to ethnic/cultural minorities, families facing health, mental health, or substance abuse issues, adolescent parents, or kinship caregivers.

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #59 Family Preservation Services

**Variable Name:** FamPres

**Variable Label:** Family Preservation Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities designed to help families alleviate crises that might lead to out-of-home placement of children; maintain the safety of children in their own homes; support families preparing to reunify or adopt; and assist families in obtaining services and other supports necessary to address their multiple needs in a culturally sensitive manner.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #60 Foster Care Services

**Variable Name:** FosterCr

**Variable Label:** Foster Care Services

**Definition:**

Twenty-four hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the state agency has placement and care responsibility. This includes foster family homes, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, childcare institutions, etc. This applies regardless of whether the facility is licensed and whether payments are made by the state or local agency for the care of the child, or whether there is federal matching of any payments made. Foster care may be provided by those related or not related to the child. Foster care is indicated as a post-response (post-investigation) service for each child in care for more than 24 hours.

A foster parent is an individual who provides a home for orphaned, abused, neglected, delinquent, or disabled children under the placement, care or supervision of the state. The individual may be a relative or nonrelative and need not be licensed by the state agency to be considered a foster parent.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #61 Removal Date

**Variable Name:** RmvDate

**Variable Label:** Removal Date

**Definition:**

The month, day, and year that the child was removed from his or her normal place of residence to a substitute care setting by a CPS agency during or as a result of the CPS response.

This is the date associated with the removal indicated in field #60 (Foster Care Services).

If a child is removed from home prior to the current CPS response (child is already in care), the removal date is the date of the most recent removal prior to the current CPS response. In such cases, the removal date is prior to the report date.

If a child is removed as a result of the current CPS response, the removal date is between the report date and 90 days after the report disposition date. If a child was removed more than once as a result of the current CPS response, the removal date is the date of the most recent removal resulting from this CPS response. Children removed for less than 24 hours are not included.

This date is adjusted so that the interval between it and the report date is preserved after the report date was rounded to either the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

Date fields are in the “yyyymmdd” format.

**Data Type:** Date

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #62 Juvenile Court Petition

**Variable Name:** JuvPet

**Variable Label:** Juvenile Court Petition

**Definition:**

A legal document requesting that the court take action regarding the child's status as a result of the CPS response. For example, if a petition was used, for emergency custody, shelter order, removal from the home, adoption, guardianship, emancipation or other changes in a child's custody, supervision or placement.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #63 Petition Date

**Variable Name:** PetDate

**Variable Label:** Petition Date

**Definition:**

The month, day, and year that the juvenile court petition was filed.

This date is adjusted so that the interval between it and the report date is preserved after the report date was rounded to either the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

Date fields are in the “yyyymmdd” format.

**Data Type:** Date

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #64 Court-Appointed Representative

**Variable Name:** CoChRep

**Variable Label:** Court-Appointed Representative

**Definition:**

A person appointed by the court to represent or advocate for a child in a neglect or abuse proceeding. May be an attorney or a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (or both) and is often referred to as a Guardian ad Litem. Makes recommendations to the court concerning the best interests of the child.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #65 Adoption Services

**Variable Name:** Adopt

**Variable Label:** Adoption Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities provided to assist in bringing about the adoption of a child.

Component services and activities may include, but are not limited to: counseling the biological parent(s), recruitment of adoptive homes, and pre- and post-placement training and/or counseling.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #66 Case Management Services

**Variable Name:** CaseMang

**Variable Label:** Case Management Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities for the arrangement, coordination, and monitoring of services to meet the needs of children and their families.

Component services and activities may include, but are not limited to: individual service plan development; counseling; monitoring, developing, securing, and coordinating services; monitoring and evaluating client progress; and assuring that clients' rights are protected.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #67 Counseling Services

**Variable Name:** Counsel

**Variable Label:** Counseling Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities that apply the therapeutic processes to personal, family, situational, or occupational problems to bring about a positive resolution of the problem or improved individual or family functioning or circumstances. Problem areas may include family and marital relationships.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #68 Day Care Services-Child

**Variable Name:** Daycare

**Variable Label:** Day Care Services-Child

**Definition:**

Services or activities for children (including infants, pre-school, and school age children) provided in a setting that meets applicable standards of state and local law, in a center or in a home, for a portion of a 24-hour day.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #69 Educational and Training Services

**Variable Name:** Educatn

**Variable Label:** Educational and Training Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities provided to improve knowledge or daily living skills and to enhance cultural opportunities. Services may include instruction or training in, but are not limited to, such issues as: consumer education, health education, community protection and safety education, literacy education, English as a second language, and General Educational Development (G.E.D.).

Component services or activities may include, for example: screening, assessment, and testing; individual or group instruction; tutoring; provision of books, supplies and instructional material; counseling; transportation; and referral to community resources.

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #70 Employment Services

**Variable Name:** Employ

**Variable Label:** Employment Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities provided to assist individuals in securing employment or acquiring or learning skills that promote opportunities for employment.

Component services or activities may include, for example: employment screening, assessment, or testing; structured job skills and job seeking skills; specialized therapy (occupational, speech, physical); special training and tutoring, including literacy training and pre-vocational training; provision of books, supplies and instructional material; counseling, transportation; and referral to community resources.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #71 Family Planning Services

**Variable Name:** FamPlan

**Variable Label:** Family Planning Services

**Definition:**

Educational, comprehensive medical or social services or activities which enable individuals, including minors, to determine freely the number and spacing of their children and to select the means by which this may be achieved.

Specific component services and activities may include, for example: preconception counseling, education, and general reproductive health care, including diagnosis and treatment of infections which threaten reproductive capability. Family planning services do not include pregnancy care (including obstetric or prenatal care).

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #72 Health-Related and Home Health Services

**Variable Name:** Health

**Variable Label:** Health-Related and Home Health Services

**Definition:**

In-home or out-of-home services or activities designed to assist children and families to attain and maintain a favorable condition of health.

Component services and activities may include, for example: providing an analysis or assessment of an individual's health problems and the development of a treatment plan; assisting individuals to identify and understand their health needs; assisting individuals to locate, provide or secure, and utilize appropriate medical treatment, preventive medical care, and health maintenance services, including in-home health services and emergency medical services; and providing follow-up services as needed.

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #73 Home-Based Services

**Variable Name:** Homebase

**Variable Label:** Home-Based Services

**Definition:**

In-home activities provided to children or families to assist with household or personal care that improve or maintain family well-being. Includes homemaker, chore, home maintenance and household management services.

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #74 Housing Services

**Variable Name:** Housing

**Variable Label:** Housing Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities designed to assist children or families in locating, obtaining, or retaining suitable housing.

Component services or activities may include, for example: tenant counseling; helping individuals and families to identify and correct substandard housing conditions on behalf of children and families who are unable to protect their own interests; and assisting individuals and families to understand leases, secure utilities, make moving arrangements and minor renovations.

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #75 Independent and Transitional Living Services

**Variable Name:** TransLiv

**Variable Label:** Independent and Transitional Living Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities designed to help older youth in foster care or homeless youth make the transition to independent living, or to help adults make the transition from an institution, or from homelessness, to independent living.

Component services or activities may include, for example: educational and employment assistance, training in daily living skills, and housing assistance. Specific component services and activities may also include supervised practice living and post-foster care services.

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #76 Information and Referral Services

**Variable Name:** InfoRef

**Variable Label:** Information and Referral Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities designed to provide information about services provided by public and private service providers and a brief assessment of client needs (but not diagnosis and evaluation) to facilitate appropriate referral to these community resources.

This field indicates if this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #77 Legal Services

**Variable Name:** Legal

**Variable Label:** Legal Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities provided by a lawyer or other person(s) under the supervision of a lawyer to assist individuals in seeking or obtaining legal help in civil matters such as housing, divorce, child support, guardianship, paternity, and legal separation.

Component services or activities may include, for example: receiving and preparing cases for trial, provision of legal advice, representation at hearings, and counseling.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #78 Mental Health Services

**Variable Name:** MentHlth

**Variable Label:** Mental Health Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities which aim to overcome issues involving emotional disturbance or maladaptive behavior adversely affecting socialization, learning, or development. Usually provided by public or private mental health agencies and includes both residential and non-residential activities.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #79 Pregnancy and Parenting Services for Young Parents

**Variable Name:** PregPar

**Variable Label:** Pregnancy and Parenting Services for Young Parents

**Definition:**

Services or activities for married or unmarried adolescent parents and their families designed to assist young parents in coping with the social, emotional, and economic problems related to pregnancy and in planning for the future.

Component services or activities may include, for example: securing necessary health care and living arrangements; obtaining legal services; and providing counseling, child care education, and training in and development of parenting skills.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #80 Respite Care Services

**Variable Name:** Respite

**Variable Label:** Respite Care Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities involving the temporary care of the children in order to provide relief to the caregiver. May involve care of the children outside of the caregiver's own home for a brief period of time, such as overnight or for a weekend. Not considered by the state to be foster care or other placement.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #81 Special Services-Disabled

**Variable Name:** SSDisabl

**Variable Label:** Special Services-Disabled

**Definition:**

Special services or activities for persons with developmental or physical disabilities, or persons with visual or auditory impairments, to maximize the potential of persons with disabilities, help alleviate the effects of physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, and to enable these persons to live in the least restrictive environment possible.

Component services or activities may include, for example: personal and family counseling; respite care; family support; recreation; transportation; aid to assist with independent functioning in the community; and training in mobility, communication skills, the use of special aids and appliances, and self-sufficiency skills. Residential and medical services may be included only as an integral, but subordinate, part of the services.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #82 Special Services-Juvenile Delinquent

**Variable Name:** SSDelinq

**Variable Label:** Special Services-Juvenile Delinquent

**Definition:**

Special services or activities for youth involved in or at risk of involvement with criminal activity who are, or who may become, involved with the juvenile justice system and their families.

Components services or activities are designed to enhance family functioning and/or modify the youth's behavior with the goal of developing socially appropriate behavior and may include: counseling, intervention therapy, and residential and medical services if included as an integral but subordinate part of the service.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #83 Substance Abuse Services

**Variable Name:** SubAbuse

**Variable Label:** Substance Abuse Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities that are primarily designed to deter, reduce, or eliminate substance abuse or chemical dependency. Except for initial detoxification services, medical and residential services may be included but only as an integral but subordinate part of the service.

Component substance abuse services or activities may include: a comprehensive range of personal and family counseling methods, methadone treatment for opiate abusers, or detoxification treatment for alcohol abusers. Services may be provided in alternative living arrangements such as institutional settings and community-based halfway houses.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #84 Transportation Services

**Variable Name:** Transprt

**Variable Label:** Transportation Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities that provide or arrange for travel, including travel costs, of individuals in order to access services, or obtain medical care or employment.

Component services or activities may include: special travel arrangements such as special modes of transportation and personnel to accompany or assist children or families to utilize transportation.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #85 Other Services

**Variable Name:** OtherSv

**Variable Label:** Other Services

**Definition:**

Services or activities that have been provided to the child and/or family, but which are not included in the services listed in the Child File record layout.

This field indicates that this service began or continued for the child in the report or the child's family as a result of the CPS response to reported allegations. The service was delivered between the report date and 90 days after the disposition date of the report. The service continued past the Report Disposition Date.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

# Perpetrator Data

## #86 Perpetrator 1 ID

**Variable Name:** Per1ID

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 ID

**Definition:**

A unique identifier assigned to the first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

This identifier is not the original state-generated perpetrator identifier but is an encrypted identifier assigned by the state for purposes of the Child File data collection.

This is the ID of the first perpetrator associated with this record. All three perpetrator sections in this record are left blank if the child does not have at least one Maltreatment Disposition Level equal to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

The Perpetrator ID is unique within the state, only used for this perpetrator and never used again for any other perpetrator.

When this variable is missing, its value is an empty string rather than NULL.

If *MalDeath* is "1" (Child Died), then this variable is suppressed (recoded to "XXXXXXXX").

**Data Type:** Char(12)

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #87 Perpetrator 1 Relationship

**Variable Name:** Per1Rel

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Relationship

**Definition:**

The primary connection to the victim of the first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

A perpetrator may have different relationships with different children. For example, a perpetrator who is the parent of one abused child may be “Other Relative” for another abused child. A child has to be under the care, placement, or supervision of the child welfare agency to have a perpetrator whose relationship is relative foster parent, nonrelative foster parent, group home or residential facility staff.

Residents of group homes or residential facilities who are perpetrators are coded as “88” (Other). A state uses “33” (Foster Parent-Relationship Unknown or Unspecified) if the relative versus nonrelative status of a foster parent is unknown.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Parent
2	Other Relative (Non-Foster Parent)
3	Relative Foster Parent
4	Nonrelative Foster Parent
5	Group Home or Residential Facility Staff
6	Child Daycare Provider
7	Unmarried Partner of Parent
8	Legal Guardian
9	Other Professionals
10	Friends or Neighbors
33	Foster Parent-Relationship Unknown or Unspecified
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #88 Perpetrator 1 as Parent

**Variable Name:** Per1Prnt

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 as Parent

**Definition:**

The parental role of the first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur such as biological, step, or adoptive parent.

This field is completed only if the Perpetrator 1 Relationship field (*Per1Rel*) is set to "1" (Parent). Otherwise, the field is left blank.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Biological Parent
2	Step-Parent
3	Adoptive Parent
9	Unknown or Missing

## #89 Perpetrator 1 as Caregiver

**Variable Name:** Per1Cr

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 as Caregiver

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur and who was responsible for the care and supervision of the victim when the maltreatment occurred.

A caregiver is a person responsible for the care and supervision of a child.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #90 Perpetrator 1 Age at Report

**Variable Name:** Per1Age

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Age at Report

**Definition:**

Age in years at the time of the report of the first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

Age is calculated in years at the time of the report of child maltreatment.

A valid Perpetrator Age is 6 to 75 years or 99 (if the age is unknown). If the perpetrator's age is older than 75 years, the perpetrator age is set to 75 (i.e. top-coded), if a perpetrator's age is less than 6 years old the age is set to 6 (i.e. bottom-coded).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
6	6 or younger
75	75 or Older
99	Unknown or Missing

## #91 Perpetrator 1 Sex

**Variable Name:** Per1Sex

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Sex

**Definition:**

The biological sex as indicated of the first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Male
2	Female
9	Unknown or Missing

## #92 Perpetrator 1 Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Variable Name:** P1RacAI

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #93 Perpetrator 1 Race Asian

**Variable Name:** P1RacAs

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Race Asian

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including for example Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #94 Perpetrator 1 Race Black or African American

**Variable Name:** P1RacBI

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Race Black or African American

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #95 Perpetrator 1 Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Variable Name:** P1RacNH

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #96 Perpetrator 1 Race White

**Variable Name:** P1RacWh

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Race White

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #97 Perpetrator 1 Race Undetermined

**Variable Name:** P1RacUd

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Race Undetermined

**Definition:**

The inability to determine the race of first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #98 Perpetrator 1 Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino

**Variable Name:** Per1Ethn

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, such as a person from Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South or Central America, or other Spanish language culture, regardless of race.

A person's Hispanic or Latino ethnicity is based on how others see them or is self-determined.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #99 Perpetrator 1 Military Member

**Variable Name:** Per1Mil

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Military Member

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur is on active duty in the Armed Services of the United States such as the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including Activated Reservists or Activated National Guardsmen.

Active duty refers to the status of the perpetrator at the time of the report or during the investigation. Members of the Inactive Reserves, Inactive National Guard, or retired military members are not given a "1" (Yes).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #100 Perpetrator 1 Prior Abuser

**Variable Name:** Per1Pior

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1 Prior Abuser

**Definition:**

The first person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur with a previous determination in the state's information system of substantiated or indicated maltreatment.

This field indicates previous substantiated or indicated maltreatment(s) for the perpetrator in the state's information system.

"Previous" is defined as a substantiated or indicated maltreatment(s) that occurred prior to the disposition date of the report in the dataset.

Previous maltreatment(s) can pertain to the same child(ren) or other children, including those from prior years.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #101 Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 1

**Variable Name:** Per1Mal1

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 1

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the first perpetrator in this record was involved in the first maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 1 Type (*ChMal1*). A "1" (Yes) can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 1 Disposition Level (*Mal1Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #102 Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 2

**Variable Name:** Per1Mal2

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 2

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the first perpetrator in this record was involved in the second maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 2 Type (*ChMal2*). A "1" (Yes) can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 2 Disposition Level (*Mal2Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #103 Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 3

**Variable Name:** Per1Mal3

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 3

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the first perpetrator in this record was involved in the third maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 3 Type (ChMal3). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 3 Disposition Level (Mal3Lev) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #104 Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 4

**Variable Name:** Per1Mal4

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 1-Maltreatment 4

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the first perpetrator in this record was involved in the fourth maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 4 Type (*ChMal4*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 4 Disposition Level (*Mal4Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #105 Perpetrator 2 ID

**Variable Name:** Per2ID

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 ID

**Definition:**

A unique identifier assigned to the second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

This identifier is not the original state-generated perpetrator identifier but is an encrypted identifier assigned by the state for purposes of the Child File data collection.

This is the ID of the second perpetrator associated with this record. All three perpetrator sections in this record are left blank if the child does not have at least one Maltreatment Disposition Level equal to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

The Perpetrator ID is unique within the state, only used for this perpetrator and never used again for any other perpetrator.

When this variable is missing, its value is an empty string rather than NULL.

If *MalDeath* is "1" (Child Died), then this variable is suppressed (recoded to "XXXXXXXX").

**Data Type:** Char(12)

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #106 Perpetrator 2 Relationship

**Variable Name:** Per2Rel

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Relationship

**Definition:**

The primary connection to the victim of the second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

A perpetrator may have different relationships with different children. For example, a perpetrator who is the parent of one abused child may be “Other Relative” for another abused child. A child has to be under the care, placement or supervision of the child welfare agency to have a perpetrator whose relationship is relative foster parent, nonrelative foster parent, group home or residential facility staff.

Residents of group homes or residential facilities who are perpetrators are coded as “88”(Other). A state uses “33” (Foster Parent-Relationship Unknown or Unspecified) if the relative versus nonrelative status of a foster parent is unknown.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected/Not Applicable
1	Parent
2	Other Relative (Non-Foster Parent)
3	Relative Foster Parent
4	Nonrelative Foster Parent
5	Group Home or Residential Facility Staff
6	Child Daycare Provider
7	Unmarried Partner of Parent
8	Legal Guardian
9	Other Professionals
10	Friends or Neighbors
33	Foster Parent-Relationship Unknown or Unspecified

## #107 Perpetrator 2 as Parent

**Variable Name:** Per2Prnt

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 as Parent

**Definition:**

The parental role of the second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur such as biological, step, or adoptive parent.

This field is completed only if the Perpetrator 2 Relationship field (*Per2Rel*) is set to "1" (Parent). Otherwise, the field is left blank.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Biological Parent
2	Step-Parent
3	Adoptive Parent
9	Unknown or Missing

## #108 Perpetrator 2 as Caregiver

**Variable Name:** Per2Cr

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 as Caregiver

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur and who was responsible for the care and supervision of the victim when the maltreatment occurred.

A caregiver is a person responsible for the care and supervision of a child.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #109 Perpetrator 2 Age at Report

**Variable Name:** Per2Age

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Age at Report

**Definition:**

Age in years at the time of the report of the second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

Age is calculated in years at the time of the report of child maltreatment.

A valid Perpetrator Age is 6 to 75 years or 99 (if the age is unknown). If the perpetrator's age is older than 75 years, the perpetrator age is set to 75 (i.e. top-coded), if a perpetrator's age is less than 6 years old the age is set to 6 (i.e. bottom-coded).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
6	6 or younger
75	75 or Older
99	Unknown or Missing

## #110 Perpetrator 2 Sex

**Variable Name:** Per2Sex

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Sex

**Definition:**

The biological sex as indicated of the second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Male
2	Female
9	Unknown or Missing

## #111 Perpetrator 2 Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Variable Name:** P2RacAI

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #112 Perpetrator 2 Race Asian

**Variable Name:** P2RacAs

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Race Asian

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including for example Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #113 Perpetrator 2 Race Black or African American

**Variable Name:** P2RacBI

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Race Black or African American

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #114 Perpetrator 2 Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Variable Name:** P2RacNH

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #115 Perpetrator 2 Race White

**Variable Name:** P2RacWh

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Race White

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #116 Perpetrator 2 Race Undetermined

**Variable Name:** P2RacUd

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Race Undetermined

**Definition:**

The inability to determine the race of second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #117 Perpetrator 2 Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino

**Variable Name:** Per2Ethn

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, such as a person from Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South or Central America, or other Spanish language culture, regardless of race.

A person's Hispanic or Latino ethnicity is based on how others see them or is self-determined.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #118 Perpetrator 2 Military Member

**Variable Name:** Per2Mil

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Military Member

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur is on active duty in the Armed Services of the United States such as the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including Activated Reservists or Activated National Guardsmen.

Active duty refers to the status of the perpetrator at the time of the report or during the investigation. Members of the Inactive Reserves, Inactive National Guard, or retired military members are not given a "1" (Yes).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #119 Perpetrator 2 Prior Abuser

**Variable Name:** Per2Pior

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2 Prior Abuser

**Definition:**

The second person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur with a previous determination in the state's information system of substantiated or indicated maltreatment.

This field indicates previous substantiated or indicated maltreatment(s) for the perpetrator in the state's information system.

"Previous" is defined as a substantiated or indicated maltreatment(s) that occurred prior to the disposition date of the report in the dataset.

Previous maltreatment(s) can pertain to the same child(ren) or other children, including those from prior years.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #120 Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 1

**Variable Name:** Per2Mal1

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 1

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the second perpetrator in this record was involved in the first maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 1 Type (*ChMal1*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 1 Disposition Level (*Mal1Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #121 Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 2

**Variable Name:** Per2Mal2

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 2

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the second perpetrator in this record was involved in the second maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 2 Type (*ChMal2*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 2 Disposition Level (*Mal2Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #122 Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 3

**Variable Name:** Per2Mal3

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 3

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the second perpetrator in this record was involved in the third maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 3 Type (*ChMal3*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 3 Disposition Level (*Mal3Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #123 Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 4

**Variable Name:** Per2Mal4

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 2-Maltreatment 4

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the second perpetrator in this record was involved in the fourth maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 4 Type (*ChMal4*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 4 Disposition Level (*Mal4Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #124 Perpetrator 3 ID

**Variable Name:** Per3ID

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 ID

**Definition:**

A unique identifier assigned to the third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

This identifier is not the original state-generated perpetrator identifier but is an encrypted identifier assigned by the state for purposes of the Child File data collection.

This is the ID of the third perpetrator associated with this record. All three perpetrator sections in this record are left blank if the child does not have at least one Maltreatment Disposition Level equal to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

The Perpetrator ID is unique within the state, only used for this perpetrator and never used again for any other perpetrator.

When this variable is missing, its value is an empty string rather than NULL.

If *MalDeath* is "1" (Child Died), then this variable is suppressed (recoded to "XXXXXXXX").

**Data Type:** Char(12)

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #125 Perpetrator 3 Relationship

**Variable Name:** Per3Rel

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Relationship

**Definition:**

The primary connection to the victim of the third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

A perpetrator may have different relationships with different children. For example, a perpetrator who is the parent of one abused child may be “Other Relative” for another abused child.

Residents of group homes or residential facilities who are perpetrators are coded as “88”(Other). A state uses "33" (Foster Parent-Relationship Unknown or Unspecified) if the relative versus nonrelative status of a foster parent is unknown.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Parent
2	Other Relative (Non-Foster Parent)
3	Relative Foster Parent
4	Nonrelative Foster Parent
5	Group Home or Residential Facility Staff
6	Child Daycare Provider
7	Unmarried Partner of Parent
8	Legal Guardian
9	Other Professionals
10	Friends or Neighbors
33	Foster Parent-Relationship Unknown or Unspecified
88	Other
99	Unknown or Missing

## #126 Perpetrator 3 as Parent

**Variable Name:** Per3Prnt

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 as Parent

**Definition:**

The parental role of the third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur such as biological, step, or adoptive parent.

This field is completed only if the Perpetrator 3 Relationship field (*Per3Rel*) is set to "1" (Parent). Otherwise, the field is left blank.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Biological Parent
2	Step-Parent
3	Adoptive Parent
9	Unknown or Missing

## #127 Perpetrator 3 as Caregiver

**Variable Name:** Per3Cr

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 as Caregiver

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur and who was responsible for the care and supervision of the victim when the maltreatment occurred.

A caregiver is a person responsible for the care and supervision of a child. **Data**

**Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #128 Perpetrator 3 Age at Report

**Variable Name:** Per3Age

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Age at Report

**Definition:**

Age in years at the time of the report of the third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

Age is calculated in years at the time of the report of child maltreatment.

A valid Perpetrator Age is 6 to 75 years or 99 (if the age is unknown). If the perpetrator's age is older than 75 years, the perpetrator age is set to 75 (i.e. top-coded), if a perpetrator's age is less than 6 years old the age is set to 6 (i.e. bottom-coded).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
6	6 or younger
75	75 or Older
99	Unknown or Missing

## #129 Perpetrator 3 Sex

**Variable Name:** Per3Sex

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Sex

**Definition:**

The biological sex as indicated of the third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Male
2	Female
9	Unknown or Missing

## #130 Perpetrator 3 Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Variable Name:** P3RacAI

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Race American Indian or Alaska Native

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #131 Perpetrator 3 Race Asian

**Variable Name:** P3RacAs

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Race Asian

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including for example Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #132 Perpetrator 3 Race Black or African American

**Variable Name:** P3RacBI

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Race Black or African American

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #133 Perpetrator 3 Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Variable Name:** P3RacNH

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #134 Perpetrator 3 Race White

**Variable Name:** P3RacWh

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Race White

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

More than one race can be assigned to the same perpetrator.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #135 Perpetrator 3 Race Undetermined

**Variable Name:** P3RacUd

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Race Undetermined

**Definition:**

The inability to determine the race of third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #136 Perpetrator 3 Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino

**Variable Name:** Per3Ethn

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, such as a person from Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South or Central America, or other Spanish language culture, regardless of race.

A person's Hispanic or Latino ethnicity is based on how others see them or is self-determined.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to Determine
9	Unknown or Missing

## #137 Perpetrator 3 Military Member

**Variable Name:** Per3Mil

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Military Member

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur is on active duty in the Armed Services of the United States such as the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including Activated Reservists or Activated National Guardsmen.

Active duty refers to the status of the perpetrator at the time of the report or during the investigation. Members of the Inactive Reserves, Inactive National Guard, or retired military members are not given a "1" (Yes).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #138 Perpetrator 3 Prior Abuser

**Variable Name:** Per3Pior

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3 Prior Abuser

**Definition:**

The third person who caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment to occur with a previous determination in the state's information system of substantiated or indicated maltreatment.

This field indicates previous substantiated or indicated maltreatment(s) for the perpetrator in the state's information system.

"Previous" is defined as a substantiated or indicated maltreatment(s) that occurred prior to the disposition date of the report in the dataset.

Previous maltreatment(s) can pertain to the same child(ren) or other children, including those from prior years.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #139 Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 1

**Variable Name:** Per3Mal1

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 1

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the third perpetrator in this record was involved in the first maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 1 Type (*ChMal1*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 1 Disposition Level (*Mal1Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #140 Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 2

**Variable Name:** Per3Mal2

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 2

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the third perpetrator in this record was involved in the third maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 2 Type (*ChMal2*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 2 Disposition Level (*Mal2Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #141 Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 3

**Variable Name:** Per3Mal3

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 3

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the third perpetrator in this record was involved in the third maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 3 Type (*ChMal3*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 3 Disposition Level (*Mal3Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

## #142 Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 4

**Variable Name:** Per3Mal4

**Variable Label:** Perpetrator 3-Maltreatment 4

**Definition:**

This field indicates if the third perpetrator in this record was involved in the fourth maltreatment reported on the record, Maltreatment 4 Type (*ChMal4*). A "1" (Yes), can only be entered in this field if the Maltreatment 4 Disposition Level (*Mal4Lev*) was set to "Substantiated" or "Indicated."

Some states link perpetrators to reports and not to children and therefore it's not able to be determined who did what and to whom, or if there are multiple perpetrators/children involved in the same incident.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No

# Additional Fields

## #143 Foster Care Discharge Date

**Variable Name:** FCDchDt

**Variable Label:** Foster Care Discharge Date

**Definition:**

The month, day, and year the child was discharged from the foster care episode that corresponds with the reported Removal Date.

The Foster Care Discharge Date only applies to children who were discharged out of foster care. The Foster Care Discharge Date occurs after the Report Disposition Date. If the child has not been discharged from care, this field is left blank.

If this Foster Care Discharge Date is reported, it is associated with the same episode for which the Removal Date is reported. The Post-Investigation Services and Foster Care Service field are set to "1" (Yes).

This variable was not reported prior to fiscal year 2013.

This date is adjusted so that the interval between it and the report date is preserved after the report date was rounded to either the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

Date fields are in the "yyyymmdd" format.

**Data Type:** Date

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field

## #144 Has a Plan of Safe Care

**Variable Name:** PlnsFCr

**Variable Label:** Has a Plan of Safe Care

**Definition:**

This field indicates whether the infant with prenatal substance exposure has a plan of safe care as specified by the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) legislation.

An infant is defined as a child younger than 1 year.

A plan developed as described in CAPTA sections 106(b)(2)(B)(iii) for infants born and identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms, or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The state plan requirement at 106(b)(2)(B)(iii) requires that a plan of safe care address the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of the infant and affected family or caregiver.

This field is completed for all children who meet inclusion criteria for the variable "IsIPSE" (see below).

The plan of safe care may be created at any point during an investigation or assessment.

This variable was not populated prior to the FY2018 Child File.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #145 Referral to Appropriate Services

**Variable Name:** RefrCARA

**Variable Label:** Referral to Appropriate Services

**Definition:**

This field indicates whether the substance exposed infant has a referral to services, including services for the affected family or caregiver. According to Administration for Children and Families, the definition of “appropriate services” is determined by each state.

An infant is defined as a child younger than 1 year.

This field is completed for all children who meet inclusion criteria for the variable “ISIPSE” (see below).

The plan of safe care may be created at any point during an investigation or assessment.

This variable was not populated prior to the FY2018 Child File.

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
NULL	Not Collected or Not Applicable
1	Yes
2	No
9	Unknown or Missing

## #146 Infant with Prenatal Substance Exposure

**Variable Name:** IsIPSE

**Variable Label:** Infant with Prenatal Substance Exposure

**Definition:** Derived by NDACAN.

This field indicates whether an infant has prenatal substance exposure.

A child is “IsIPSE” when their age is less than one year, the report source is medical personnel, and the child is recorded as being exposed to either drugs or alcohol or both during pregnancy.

When ChAge=0 AND RptSrc=2 And (CdAlc=1 OR CdDrug=1) Then 1

If the child is an infant, but the reporter is not medical or there’s no indication of pre-natal substance exposure then the infant is *not* IPSE:

When ChAge=0 And ((RptSrc=1 or RptSrc between 3 and 88) Or (CdAlc=2 And CdDrug=2)) Then 0

If the child is not an infant, IsIPSE is not applicable:

When ChAge between 1 and 98 Then 98

If any of the component values are missing, then IsIPSE is indeterminate:

When ChAge=99 Or RptSrc=99 Or CdAlc=9 Or CdDrug=9 Then 99

This variable was not required to be collected prior to the FY2018 Child File.

**Data Type:** 1-byte Integer

### Code Values:

Value	Value Label
0	Infant without Prenatal Substance Exposure
1	Infant with Prenatal Substance Exposure
98	Not Applicable (Child not an Infant)
99	Info Missing (Child Age or Report Source or ChAlc or ChDrug)

## #147 Derived: Child is a Victim on this Report

**Variable Name:** RptVictim

**Variable Label:** Child is a Victim on this Report

**Definition:**

Derived by NDACAN.

IF any *Mal1Lev* through *Mal4Lev* has the value:

1 = Substantiated, or

2 = Indicated or Reason to Suspect

OR

If *MalDeath* = 1 (Child Died)

THEN

this value is 1 (Child is a Victim on this Report);

ELSE it is 0 (Child is a Nonvictim on this Report).

**Data Type:** 1-byte integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
0	Child is a Nonvictim on this Report
1	Child is a Victim on this Report

## #148 Rural Urban Continuum Code

**Variable Name:** RU23

**Variable Label:** Rural Urban Continuum Code

**Definition:**

This field indicates the USDA Rural Urban Continuum Code version 2013, available at: <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes/documentation/>. The measure is described there as:

“The 2023 Rural-Urban Continuum Codes distinguish U.S. metropolitan (metro) counties by the population size of their metro area, and nonmetropolitan (nonmetro) counties by their degree of urbanization and adjacency to a metro area.”

RU codes are computed every 10 years (2003, 2013, 2023, etc). This variable will be provided for the year closest to the Submission Year (RU03, RU13, RU23, etc).

**Data Type:** 1-byte Integer

**Code Values:**

Value	Value Label
1	Metro: > 1 million population
2	Metro: 250K to 1 million population
3	Metro: < 250K population
4	Non-Metro: Urban > 20K pop; Adjacent
5	Non-Metro: Urban >20K pop; Non-Adjacent
6	Non-Metro: Urban 2.5K to 20K; Adjacent
7	Non-Metro; Urban 2.5 to 20K; Non-Adjacent
8	Rural or < 2.5K population; Adjacent
9	Rural or < 2.5K population; Non-Adjacent

## #149 State's Data Version

**Variable Name:** Version

**Variable Label:** State's Data Version

**Definition:**

Each year NDACAN receives a new year of Child File data. Along with the new year, we also receive re-submissions of prior years' data from some, but not all, states. States that re-submitted data will have a higher version value in the published, revised file.

For example, for version 1 of the Child File, all records will have a value of "1" for this variable. In a subsequent year when new data is received, re-submitted data from prior years may accompany it and any states who resubmitted data will have an updated version value here. For example, if the states of North Dakota, Hawaii, and Oklahoma re-submitted data, all rows in the version 2 dataset only for those states will have a value of "2" for this variable.

## #150    **Derived: State Foster Care ID**

**Variable Name:**     StFCID

**Variable Label:**     State Foster Care ID

**Definition:**

Derived by NDACAN.

The purpose of this variable is to aid in linking files by providing one consistently-named variable across datasets. *StFCID* is the combination of the variables *StaTerr* (the state two-character code) and *AFCARSID*, the child's encrypted AFCARS (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System) identifier. This same variable, with the same name, can be found in the NYTD Outcomes and Services Files and the AFCARS Foster Care File.

**Data Type:**     NVarChar(14)

**Code Values:**    This is not a coded field

## #151 AFCARS ID

**Variable Name:** AFCARSID

**Variable Label:** AFCARS ID

**Definition:**

This is the Record Number field used in the AFCARS system. The child may or may not have a corresponding record in the AFCARS Foster Care or Adoption File.

The *AFCARSID* is not the same as the *ChID*.

**Data Type:** Char(12)

**Code Values:** This is not a coded field