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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 again 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 extent practicable, about children who had been maltreated. These data elements were incorporated into NCANDS. CAPTA was most recently reauthorized and amended during December 2010. The CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010 added new data collection requirements, which were subsequently added 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 <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>

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 work with the Children’s Bureau and the NCANDS Technical Team to uphold the high-quality standards associated with NCANDS data. Webinars, technical bulletins, virtual meetings, email, and phone conferences are used regularly to facilitate information sharing and provision of technical assistance.

Reporting Year

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

Reporting States

The 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico submit data to NCANDS. In NCANDS, these reporting entities are referred to as the “52 states.”

Data Submissions

The 52 states in NCANDS 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 report of alleged child abuse and neglect that received a 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 Agency File Record

Aggregated data from for the Agency File are submitted electronically online. The automated aggregate data collection capability is referred to as the AgencySDC System. It enables the state to enter, review, comment upon, and save the data directly on the NCANDS Portal. A complete list of the data elements within of the Agency File record layout can be found in Appendix A Agency File Record Layout. All of the data elements in the record are grouped into these data sections:

- Section 1. Preventive Services (fields 1.1–1.2) contains data on recipients of preventive services by various funding sources. For each funding source, the number of children and the number of families is requested. The two possibilities are provided because some programs report by family and other report by child. However the counts should not overlap.
- Section 2. Additional Information on Referrals and Reports (fields 2.1–2.5) includes information on the number of referrals and children with child abuse and neglect allegations, but the referrals were screened out prior to being referred for investigation or assessment. This section also collects data about response time with respect to the initial investigation or assessment, workforce, and caseload.
- Section 3. Additional Information on Child Victims Reported in the Child File (fields 3.1–3.5) contains data about family preservation and reunification services, and out of court contacts for victims reported in the Child File.

- Section 4. Information on Child Fatalities Not Reported in the Child File (fields 4.1–4.4) contains data for maltreatment deaths that are not already reported in the Child File, this includes maltreatment deaths that occurred in foster care, after family preservation services, and after family reunification services.
- Section 5. IDEA Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (fields 5.1–5.2) includes data for children eligible for referral and children referred to agencies providing early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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Appendix A Agency File Record Layout

Preventive Services

Field Number: 1.1.A-C

Name: PSSTGTC

Label: Children Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Children
Funding Source: Child Abuse and Neglect State

Definition:

This is the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Child Abuse and Neglect State Grant.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Child Abuse and Neglect State Grant. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no children were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment. The number of children receiving services funded by the Child Abuse and Neglect Grant is available from the state contact listed on the State Liaisons Officers contact list located on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.A-F

Name: PSSTGTF

Label: Families Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Families
Funding Source: Child Abuse and Neglect State

Definition:

This is the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Child Abuse and Neglect State Grant.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Child Abuse and Neglect State Grant. Leave blank if data are not

collected or if no families were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

The number of families receiving services funded by the Child Abuse and Neglect Grant is available from the state contact listed on the State Liaisons Officers contact list located on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.B-C **Name: PSCOSPC**

Label: Children Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Children
Funding Source: Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant

Definition:

This is the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by a Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no children were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

The number of children receiving services funded by a Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant is available from the state CBCAP contact. The name and contact information for this person is available on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.B-F **Name: PSCOSPF**

Label: Families Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Families
Funding Source: Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant

Definition:

This is the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by a Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to

increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no families were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

The number of families receiving services funded by a Community-Based Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Grant is available from the state CBCAP contact. The name and contact information for this person is available on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.C-C **Name: PSTLIVBC**

Label: Children Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Children
Funding Source: Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program

Definition:

This is the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no children were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

The number of children receiving services funded by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program is available from the state PSSF contact. The name and contact information for this person is available on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.C-F **Name: PSTLIVBF**

Label: Families Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Families
Funding Source: Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program

Definition:

This is the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no families were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

The number of families receiving services funded by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program is available from the state PSSF contact. The name and contact information for this person is available on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.D-C **Name: PSTLXXC**

Label: Children Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Children Funding Source: Social Services Block Grant

Definition:

This is the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by Social Services Block Grants.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Social Services Block Grant. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no children were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

The number of children receiving services funded by a Social Services Block Grant is available from the state SSBG contact. The name and contact information for this person is available on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.D-F**Name: PSTLXXF**

Label: Families Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Families
Funding Source: Social Services Block Grant

Definition:

This is the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by a Social Services Block Grant.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by the Social Services Block Grant. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no families were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

The number of families receiving services funded by a Social Services Block Grant is available from the state SSBG contact. The name and contact information for this person is available on the NCANDS Portal in the Getting Started folder.

Field Number: 1.1.E-C**Name: PSOTHERC**

Label: Children Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Children
Funding Source: Other

Definition:

This is the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by other sources.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of children who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded by other sources. List in the Comments section on the Data Collection Tool the other funding sources. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no children were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

Field Number: 1.1.E-F

Name: PSOTHERF

Label: Families Who Received Preventive Services From the State During the Year Families
Funding Source: Other

Definition:

This is the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded other sources.

Preventive services are beneficial activities aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Such activities may be directed at specific populations identified as being at increased risk of becoming abusive and may be designed to increase the strength and stability of families, to increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and to afford children a stable and supportive environment. Such activities do not include public awareness campaigns.

Instructions:

Enter the number of families who received services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect during the year funded other sources. List in the Comments section on the Data Collection Tool the other funding sources. Leave blank if data are not collected or if no families were served. If this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

Screened Out Referrals and Children

Field Number: 2.1.A **Name: SCRNRPT**

Label: Number of Referrals Screened Out

Definition:

The total number of referrals of child maltreatment that did not meet the state's standards for acceptance as a report and were screened out prior to CPS investigation or assessment.

Instructions:

Enter the number of referrals alleging child abuse and neglect that were screened out prior to being referred for investigation or assessment. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. If a zero is entered or this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment.

Field Number: 2.1.B **Name: SCRNRCHLD**

Label: Number of Children Screened Out

Definition:

The total number of children referred for child maltreatment that did not meet the state's standards for acceptance in a report and were screened out prior to CPS investigation or assessment.

Instructions:

This is the number of children alleged to have been abused or neglected that were screened out prior to being referred for investigation or assessment.

Enter the number of children. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. If a zero is entered or this field is left blank, provide an explanatory comment. The reported number of screened out children (2.1.B) should be greater than or equal to the reported number of screened out referrals (2.1.A).

Response Time

Field Number: 2.2

Name: WKARTIME

Label: Response Time with Respect to the Initial Investigation or Assessment: FFY 2013

Definition:

Response time is defined as the time from the receipt of a referral to the time of the initial investigation or assessment.

Receipt of report is defined as the log-in of a call to the agency from a reporter alleging child maltreatment. Initial investigation is defined as face-to-face contact with the alleged victim, when this is appropriate, or contact with another person who can provide information essential to the disposition of the investigation or assessment, including alternative response.

Instructions:

Enter the average response time in hours. This number must be greater than zero. A decimal point is allowed. Leave blank if data are not collected and provide an explanatory comment. The average response time in hours should be similar to the average response time computed in the Enhanced Validation and Analysis Application (EVAA) for the Child File.

Staffing

Field Number: 2.3

Name: WKSIIA

Label: Number of Staff Responsible for CPS Functions (Screening, Intake, and Investigation/ Assessment of Reports) During the Year

Definition:

Screening and intake represent the portion of the case flow from point of initial contact with the reporter (e.g., the phone call) to the time that the report is assigned to a worker or supervisor for investigation /assessment of the allegation. Investigation /assessment represent the portion of the case flow that begins upon assignment of the case and continues until the case is closed or transferred.

Instructions:

Enter the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff who carried out these functions during the year. Do not include clerical staff. Include an explanation of the calculation in the comments section. If the FTE staff count is not available, leave this field blank and enter the state computed non-FTE count and an explanation of the methodology in the comments. This number must be greater than zero. Leave blank if data are not collected and provide an explanatory comment.

Screening: Agency hotline or intake units conduct the screening process to determine whether a referral is appropriate for further action. Referrals that do not meet agency criteria are screened out or diverted from CPS to other community agencies. In most states, a referral may include more than one child.

Intake: The assessment of all information using specific state guidelines to determine the appropriate alleged maltreatment/type of CPS response from the information provided.

Field Number: 2.4

Name: WKSI

Label: Number of Staff Responsible for the Screening and Intake of Reports During the Year

Definition:

Screening and intake represent the portion of the case flow from point of initial contact with the reporter (e.g., the phone call) to the time that the report is assigned to a worker or supervisor for investigation or assessment.

Instructions:

Enter the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff who carried out these functions during the year. Do not include clerical staff. Include an explanation of the calculation in the comments section. If the FTE staff count is not available, leave this field blank and enter the state computed non-FTE count and an explanation of the methodology in the comments. Leave blank if data are not collected and provide an explanatory comment.

The reported number of screening and intake workers (2.4) should be less than 50% of the reported number of screening, intake, and investigation/assessment workers (2.3).

Child Victims Reported in the Child File

Field Number: 3.1

Name: FPS5Y

Label: Child Victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) Whose Families Received Family Preservation Services in the Previous Five Years

Definition:

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.

Instructions:

Enter the number of child victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) in the Child File whose families received Family Preservation Services during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect in this reporting period. This number must be greater than zero. Leave blank if data are not collected and provide an explanatory comment.

The reported number of victims whose families received Family Preservation Services in the previous five years should be less than 50% of the reported number of victims in the Child File.

Field Number: 3.2

Name: FRU5Y

Label: Child Victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) Who Were Reunited with Their Families in the Previous Five Years

Definition:

Child Victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) who were abused by the parents or principal caregivers with whom they had been reunited in the previous five years.

Instructions:

Enter the total number of child victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) in the Child File who were reunited with their families during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect in this reporting period. This number must be greater than zero. Leave blank if data are not collected and provide an explanatory comment.

The reported number of victims whose families received Family Reunification Services in the previous five years should be less than 25% of the reported number of victims in the Child File.

Field Number: 3.3

Name: COCONT

Label: Average Number of Out-of-Court Contacts Between the Court-Appointed Representatives and the Child Victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) They Represent

Definition:

Out-of-court contacts that enable the court-appointed representative to obtain a first-hand understanding of the situation and needs of the child victim (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim), and to make recommendations to the court concerning the best interests of the child.

Instructions:

Enter the average number of out-of-court contacts. In the Comments section in the Data Collection Tool explain the method for calculating this average. This number must be greater than zero. Leave blank if data are not collected and provide an explanatory comment.

Child Fatalities Reported in the Child File

Field Number: 3.4

Name: FTLPSCF

Label: Child Victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment and Whose Families Had Received Family Preservation Services in the Previous Five Years

Definition:

Family Preservation Services are 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.

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

Instructions:

Enter the number of child victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) in the Child File whose death was caused by maltreatment and whose families had received Family Preservation Services during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect received in this reporting period. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. Provide an explanatory comment if this field is blank or has a zero value.

The reported number of fatalities reported in the Child File whose families received Family Preservation Services in the previous five years should be less than or equal to the reported number of fatalities in the Child File.

Field Number: 3.5

Name: FTLCRUCF

Label: Child Victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment and Had Been Reunited with Their Families in the Previous Five Years

Definition:

This is the number of child victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) in the Child File whose death was caused by the parents or principal caregivers with whom they had been reunited during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect received in this reporting period.

A fatality is the death of a child as a result of abuse or neglect, because either: (a) an injury resulting from the abuse or neglect was the cause of death; or (b) abuse and/or neglect were contributing factors to the cause of death. Children Who Had Been Reunited refers to children

abused by parents or principal caregivers with whom they had been reunited in the previous five years.

Instructions:

Enter the number of child victims (substantiated, indicated or alternative response victim) in the Child File whose death was caused by the parents or principal caregivers with whom they had been reunited during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect received in this reporting period. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero.

Provide an explanatory comment if this field is blank or has a zero value. The reported number of fatalities reported in the Child File whose families received Family Reunification Services in the previous five years should be less than or equal to the reported number of fatalities in the Child File.

Child Fatalities Not Reported in the Child File

Field Number: 4.1 **Name: FATALITY**

Label: Child Maltreatment Fatalities Not Reported in the Child File

Definition:

This is the total number of child victims who died as a result of maltreatment within the federal fiscal year not reported in the Child File.

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

Instructions:

Enter the total number of child victims who died as a result of maltreatment within the federal fiscal year not reported in the Child File. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. Provide an explanatory comment if this field is blank or has a zero value.

Children counted in 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 are included in 4.1. The sum of 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 should be less than or equal to 4.1. The sources for fatalities not reported in the Child File should be included in the comment section.

Field Number: 4.2 **Name: FATALFC**

Label: Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment While in Foster Care Not Reported in the Child File

Definition:

This is the number of child maltreatment fatalities while in foster care, and not reported in the Child File.

Foster care is the 24-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, but is not limited to, family foster homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, child care institutions, and pre-adoptive homes 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. All children in care for more than 24 hours are counted.

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

Instructions:

Enter the number of child victims whose death was caused by maltreatment that occurred while in foster care and was attributed to the foster care provider not reported in the Child File. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. Provide an explanatory comment if this field is blank or has a zero value.

The value reported for this field must be less than or equal to the value reported in 4.1.

Field Number: 4.3 **Name: FATALFPS**

Label: Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment and Whose Families Had Received Family Preservation Services in the Previous Five Years Not Reported in the Child File

Definition:

This is the number of child victims whose death was caused by maltreatment not reported in the Child File and whose families had received Family Preservation Services during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect received in this reporting period.

A fatality is the death of a child as a result of abuse or neglect, because either: (a) an injury resulting from the abuse or neglect was the cause of death; or (b) abuse and/or neglect were contributing factors to the cause of death. Family Preservation Services are 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.

Instructions:

Enter the number of child victims whose death was caused by maltreatment not reported in the Child File and whose families had received Family Preservation Services during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect received in this reporting period. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. Provide an explanatory comment if this field is blank or has a zero value.

The value reported for this field must be less than or equal to the value reported in 4.1.

Field Number: 4.4 **Name: FATALCRU**

Label: Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment and Had Been Reunited with Their Families in the Previous Five Years Not Reported in the Child File

Definition:

This is the number of child victims whose death was caused by the parents or principal Caregivers not reported in the Child File with whom they had been reunited during the five (5)

years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect received in this reporting period. (Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero.)

A fatality is the death of a child as a result of abuse or neglect, because either: (a) an injury resulting from the abuse or neglect was the cause of death; or (b) abuse and/or neglect were contributing factors to the cause of death. Children Who Had Been Reunited refers to child victims abused by parents or principal caregivers with whom they had been reunited in the previous five years.

Instructions:

Enter the number of child victims whose death was caused by the parents or principal Caregivers not reported in the Child File with whom they had been reunited during the five (5) years preceding the report(s) of child abuse or neglect received in this reporting period. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. Provide an explanatory comment if this field is blank or has a zero value.

The value reported for this field must be less than or equal to the value reported in 4.1.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Reporting.

Field Number: 5.1

Name: IDEAELIG

Label: Children Eligible for Referral-Individuals with Disabilities Education

Definition:

A unique count of the number of victims eligible for referral to agencies providing early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Instructions:

Enter the number of unique child victims (substantiated, indicated, or alternative response victim) under age 3 reported in the current Child File submission who are eligible for referral to agencies providing early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Explain in the state commentary the process for screening and referring these children. This number must be greater than zero. Leave blank if data are not collected and provide an explanatory comment.

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended by the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010 (P.L. 111–320) in section 5106a (d)(16) asks for: The number of children determined to be eligible for referral, and the number of children referred, under subsection (b)(2)(B)(xxi), to agencies providing early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.).

Guidance from the Children’s Bureau on collecting these data is as follows: CAPTA does not specifically require that every child younger than 3 years old who is involved in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect must be referred to Part C services. Therefore, states have the discretion as to whether to refer every such child younger than 3 years for early intervention services, or to first employ a screening process to determine whether a referral is needed. It is up to the state to determine how children referenced in section 106(b)(2)(B)(xxi) of CAPTA will be screened and, if appropriate, referred to the Part C early intervention program in the state.

Field Number: 5.2

Name: IDEAREF

Label: Children Referred-Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Definition:

A unique count of the number of victims actually referred to agencies providing early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Instructions:

Enter the number of unique child victims (substantiated, indicated, or alternative response victim) under the age of 3 reported in the current Child File submission referred to agencies providing early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education

Act. Explain in the state commentary the process for screening and referring these children. Leave blank if data are not collected. Enter zero if data are collected and total is actually zero. Provide an explanatory comment if this field is blank or has a zero value.

This number should be less than or equal to the number of unique child victims entered in 5.1.

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