

281—120.303(34CFR303) Referral procedures.

120.303(1) *General.* The child find system described in rule 281—120.302(34CFR303) must include the state's procedures for use by primary referral sources for referring a child under the age of three to the Part C program. The procedures required in this subrule must:

a. Provide for referring a child as soon as possible, but in no case more than seven days, after the child has been identified; and

b. Meet the requirements in subrules 120.303(2) and 120.303(3).

120.303(2) *Referral of specific at-risk infants and toddlers.* The procedures required in subrule 120.303(1) must provide for requiring the referral of a child under the age of three who:

a. Is the subject of a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect; or

b. Is identified as directly affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure.

120.303(3) *Primary referral sources.* As used in this division, primary referral sources include:

a. Hospitals, including prenatal and postnatal care facilities;

b. Physicians;

c. Parents, including parents of infants and toddlers;

d. Child care programs and early learning programs;

e. AEAs, LEAs and schools;

f. Public health facilities;

g. Other public health or social service agencies;

h. Other clinics and health care providers;

i. Public agencies and staff in the child welfare system, including child protective service and foster care;

j. Homeless family shelters; and

k. Domestic violence shelters and agencies.

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