

**441—175.35(232,235A) Jurisdiction of assessments.** Child protection workers serving the county in which the child's home is located have primary responsibility for completing the assessment except when the suspected abuse occurs in an out-of-home placement. Circumstances in which the department shall conduct an assessment when another state is involved include the following:

**175.35(1)** *Child resides in Iowa but incident occurred in another state.* When the child who is the subject of a report of suspected abuse physically resides in Iowa but has allegedly been abused in another state, the worker shall do all of the following:

- a. Obtain available information from the reporter.
- b. Make an oral report to the office of the other state's protective services agency and request assistance from the other state in completing the assessment.
- c. Complete the assessment with assistance, as available, of the other state.

**175.35(2)** *Child resides in another state, but is present within Iowa.* When the child who is the subject of a report of abuse is a legal resident of another state, but is present within Iowa, the worker receiving the report shall do all of the following:

- a. Act to ensure the safety of the child.
- b. Contact the child's state of legal residency to coordinate the assessment of the report.
- c. Commence an assessment if the state of legal residency declines to conduct an investigation.

**175.35(3)** *Child resides in another state and perpetrator resides in Iowa.* When the child who is the subject of a report of abuse resides in another state and the perpetrator resides in Iowa, the worker receiving the report shall do all of the following:

- a. Contact the state where the child resides and offer assistance to that state in its completion of a child abuse assessment. This assistance shall include an offer to interview the person allegedly responsible for the abuse and any other relevant source of information.
- b. Commence an assessment if the child's state of legal residency declines to conduct an investigation.

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