

441—175.26(232) Completion of a child protective assessment summary. The child protection worker shall complete a child protective assessment summary within 20 business days from the date of the report of child abuse becoming a case. In most instances, the child protective assessment summary shall be developed in conjunction with the child and family being assessed. A child protective assessment summary shall consist of two parts as follows:

175.26(1) Report and disposition data. Form 470-3240, Child Protective Services Assessment Summary, shall include report and dispositional data as follows:

a. Allegations: the report of child abuse which caused the assessment to be initiated and additional allegations raised after the report of child abuse becomes a case that have not been previously investigated or assessed.

b. Evaluation of the child's safety: evaluation of the child's safety and the risk for occurrence or reoccurrence of abuse. Criteria to be used in the evaluation of the child's safety include, but are not limited to, the severity of the incident or condition, chronicity of the incident or condition, age of the child, attitude of the person responsible, current treatment services or supports, access of the person responsible for the abuse to the child, and protectiveness of the parent or caretaker who is not responsible for the abuse.

c. Findings and contacts: a description of the child's condition including identification of the nature, extent, and cause of the injuries, if any, to the child named in the report; identification of the injury or risk to which the child was exposed; the circumstances which led to the injury or risk to the child; the identity of the person alleged to be responsible for the injury or risk to the child; the name and condition of other children in the same home as the child named in the report if protective concerns are identified; a list of collateral contacts; and a history of confirmed or founded abuse.

d. Determination regarding the allegations of child abuse: a statement of determination of whether the allegation of child abuse was founded, confirmed but not placed on the central abuse registry, or not confirmed. The statement shall include a rationale for placing or not placing the case on the central abuse registry.

e. Recommendation for treatment services as specified in 175.25(8) and a statement describing whether treatment services are necessary to ensure the safety of the child or to prevent or remedy other identified problems.

(1) The statement shall include the type of treatment services recommended, if any, and whether these treatment services are to be provided by the department, community agencies, informal supports, or another treatment source.

(2) If treatment services are already being provided, the statement shall include a recommendation whether these treatment services should continue.

f. Juvenile court recommendation: a statement describing whether juvenile court action is necessary to ensure the safety of the child; the type of action needed, if any; and the rationale for the recommendation.

g. Criminal court recommendation: a statement describing whether criminal court action is necessary and the rationale for the recommendation.

h. Addendum: An addendum to an assessment summary shall be completed within 20 business days when any of the following occur:

(1) New information becomes available that would alter the finding, conclusion, or recommendation of the summary.

(2) Substantive information that supports the finding becomes available.

(3) A subject who was not previously interviewed requests an interview to address the allegations of the case.

(4) A review or a final appeal decision modifies the summary.

175.26(2) Assessment data. Form 470-4133, Family Risk Assessment, Form 470-4132, Safety Assessment, and Form 470-4461, Safety Plan, if applicable, may be used as part of the child's initial case plan, referenced at 441—subrule 130.7(3), for cases in which the department will provide treatment services.