

**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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