Child Protection Services
Intake, Family Assessment & Investigation
2008 Annual Report

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Vision

- Strong Families
- With Healthy Children
- In a Safe Community
Mission

Child Protection Services intervene in family situations to:

- minimize actual or potential harm to children.
- maximize the ability of families to protect and safely care for their children.
The legislature hereby declares that the public policy of this state is to protect children whose health or welfare may be jeopardized through physical abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse.

*(Minnesota Statue 626.556)*
Target Population

- Children aged 0 to 18 years and their families who meet statutory screening criteria for Child Protection assessment
# Outcomes for Child Protection

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<td>Children will be protected from harm.</td>
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<td>Child Well-Being</td>
<td>Children will experience educational, physical, social and emotional development appropriate for their age</td>
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<td>Family Well-Being</td>
<td>Families will safely care for and nurture their children.</td>
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<td>Family Stability</td>
<td>Children will live in permanent relationships. Family and kinship ties will be maintained when possible.</td>
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Child Maltreatment Reports and Assessments/Investigations

2000 - 2008

*2008 number from Community Services Statistical Summary “child protection screening”
Response to the Challenge of Safeguarding Children

- Structured Decision-Making Risk/Safety
- Domestic Violence Response Team
- Differential Response
- Concurrent Planning
- Crisis Nursery
- Family Group Decision Making
- Court Improvement Project
- Child Welfare Response
**Child Protection 2008 New Assessments - Case Flow**

1,473 Reports

# of Community Reports:
**“A concern about a child”**

463** Assessments

**Duplicated Count – A family may have more than one assessment; all numbers from SSIS (not Red Team tracking)**

**46 Child Protection Investigations**

- **46**
- **26% Open CP Mgt**
- **9% Already Open-CP**
- **2% Already Open-Other Svc**

**243 Family Assessments**

- **243**
- **26% Open CP Mgt**
- **5% Already Open-CP**
- **4% Already Open-Other Svc**

**174 Domestic Violence Assessments**

- **174**
- **24% Open CP Mgt**
- **7% Already Open-CP**
- **1% Already Open-Other Svc**

*other services = any County social service in SSIS*
Child Protection Services Pathways

Intake

Red Team

Investigation

Family Assessment

Domestic Violence

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES
Intake Components

Intake

Day Intake
Screening, Assessment, Brief Service, Crisis, I&R

After-Hours Response Team
Crisis, I&R

Child Welfare Response
Number of Referrals from Day Intake; 2001-2008

Source: Intake Data
After Hours Social Work Team

Type of Child-Related Contact
2007 versus 2008

2007
Total: 2163
- Adolescent: 155 (7%)
- CW-Other: 386 (18%)
- Juvenile Justice: 75 (3%)
- CPS: 1547 (72%)

2008
Total: 1734
- Adolescent: 146 (8%)
- CW-Other: 397 (23%)
- Juvenile Justice: 44 (3%)
- CPS: 1147 (66%)

Source: Intake Data
After Hours Social Worker Team Placement Requests: Percent Diverted

**Percent Diverted 2001 - 2008**

- **2008**
  - 774 placement requests
  - 20 placements made

- **2007**
  - 1323 placement requests
  - 45 placements made

Source: Intake Data
RED* Team Functions

- Initiated on January 1, 1999 to select child protection assessment pathway (family investigation or family assessment) response.
- RED Team members are from Intake, Family Assessment, Family Investigation, Domestic Violence Response, Ongoing Services and one Child & Family Services Supervisor.
- RED Team meets every morning to review reports and decide pathway for assessment services.

* REVIEW, EVALUATE, DIRECT
R.E.D. - Review, Evaluate, Direct
RED Team Tracking 2008

Source: RED Team Tracking
Distribution of Child Protection Reports Assigned for Assessment

In 2008, 90% of child protection assessments received Family Assessment.

Source: Red Team Tracking
Child Protection Reporting Source; 2002-2008

38 percent decrease in number of child protection reports from 2002 to 2008

Source: SSIS
Mandated vs. Non-mandated Reporting Source 2008

Ethnicity of Family Reported

*Mandated* 33% *Minority*

**Mandated**

- Total: 383
- Multi-ethnic: 69 (18%)
- Asian: 9 (2%)
- Black: 58 (15%)
- Native Am: 1 (0%)
- White: 246 (64%)

67 people have Latino heritage (54-white/13-multi)

**Non-mandated** 21% *Minority*

**Non-mandated**

- Total: 80
- Multi-ethnic: 13 (16%)
- Black: 13 (16%)
- White: 54 (68%)

8 people have Latino heritage (7-white/1-multi)

*Minority does not include Latino (white)*

*Families counted multiple times if more than one report*
Child Protection Services
Pathways

Intake ➔ Red Team

Investigation ➔ Family Assessment ➔ Domestic Violence

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES
Child Protection Assessments
Age* of Child Victims: 2005-2008

Age as of 12/31
Source: SSIS
Type of Maltreatment Report by CPS Team – Assessments 2008

Source: SSIS
Child Protection Assessment Tools

Safety Tool

- Determines immediate risk to the child
  - Safe: Children are not likely to be in immediate danger of serious harm.
  - Conditionally Safe: safety plan is in place that will provide for the child’s safety for the immediate future.
  - Unsafe: Child is in danger of immediate harm – must be removed from the home.
Comparison of Safety Assessments
By CPS Team - 2008

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N=41 unknown
N=243
N=174
N=458 Assessments
5 unknown

Source: SSIS
Child Protection Assessment Tools

7 Risk Assessment

- Identifies the level of risk of future maltreatment.
- Guides the decision to open a case for ongoing services.

- Each level represents increasing risk
  - Low
  - Moderate
  - High
Comparison of Risk Assessments By CPS Team - 2008

Source: SSIS

- **Investigation: N=40**
  - High: 33%
  - Moderate: 55%
  - Low: 13%
  - 6 unknown

- **Family Assessment: N=242**
  - High: 23%
  - Moderate: 62%
  - Low: 14%
  - 1 unknown

- **Domestic Violence: N=173**
  - High: 22%
  - Moderate: 69%
  - Low: 9%
  - 1 unknown

- **TOTAL: N=455 Assessments**
  - High: 24%
  - Moderate: 64%
  - Low: 12%
  - 8 unknown
Child Protection Assessment Tools

Strengths/Needs Assessment Tool

- Evaluates the presenting strengths and areas of need for the family.
- 13 family, child, and environmental aspects are evaluated.
Strengths/Needs Tool
Initial Assessments in 2008

- **Family Relationships**
  - Moderate/Severe: 79
  - Minor: 63

- **Parenting**
  - Moderate/Severe: 49
  - Minor: 25

- **Child Characteristics**
  - Moderate/Severe: 31
  - Minor: 23

- **Mental Health**
  - Moderate/Severe: 21
  - Minor: 20

- **Employment**
  - Moderate/Severe: 15
  - Minor: 10

- **Substance Abuse**
  - Moderate/Severe: 8
  - Minor: 5

- **Social Support**
  - Moderate/Severe: 3
  - Minor: 2

- **Housing/Env.**
  - Moderate/Severe: 2
  - Minor: 1

- **Communication**
  - Moderate/Severe: 1
  - Minor: 0

- **Health Problems**
  - Moderate/Severe: 0
  - Minor: 0

- **Life Skills**
  - Moderate/Severe: 0
  - Minor: 0

- **No Resource Use**
  - Moderate/Severe: 0
  - Minor: 0

Source: SSIS

N = 449 Assessments at opening in 2008
Comparison of Needs by CPS Service Team

Assessments by Investigation Child Protection have families with the greatest number of needs and the highest severity of needs.

Top priority needs are the same for all three teams:
1) family relationships
2) parenting skills
3) child characteristics

Employment, housing, substance abuse, mental health, social support issues are also problematic
Child Safety Outcome

Indicator: No new maltreatment determination within 12 months of completing social work services.

N=136 closed family cases in 2007

100% with no new maltreatment determination within 12 months of closure
Child Safety Outcome

**Indicator:** No new assessment report within 12 months of completing social work services.

18 family cases closed with 25 reports:
- Inv. not determined = 1
- Inv. determined = 0
- Domestic violence = 11
- Family assessment = 13

N=136 family cases closed in 2007

Source: SBS
Child Safety Outcome

Indicator: Number of deaths or near deaths resulting from child abuse or neglect and child’s living arrangement at time of death.

- 1 death reported in 2008
Thank You