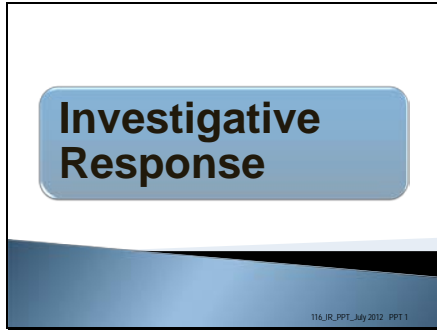


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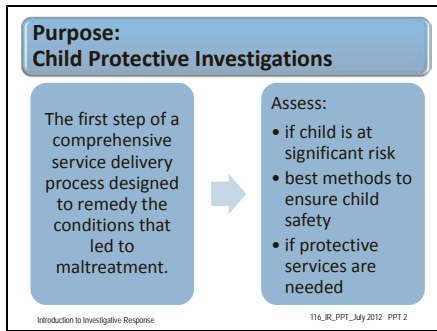
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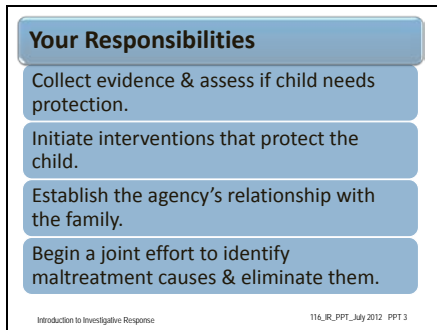
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**Objectives**

- Summarize Hotline intakes/FSFN assessments.
- ID & check information sources/records prior to commencement.
- Use Child Maltreatment Index to define specific allegations & maltreatment types.
- Evaluate prior intake/investigation information and assess its relevance to the current investigation.
- Develop an investigative plan.

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**Types of Intakes**

Relevant to Protective Investigations

- Child Intakes: In-Home or Institutional
- Special Conditions Referrals
- Service Referrals
- Additional & Supplemental Intakes

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**Special Conditions Referrals**

Requests that require agency intervention to ensure service provision

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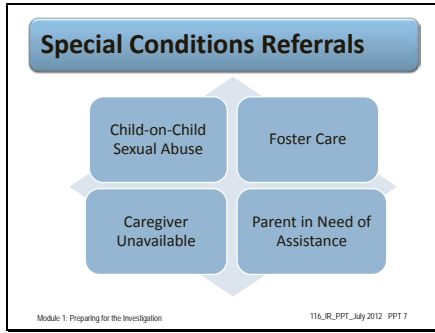
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**Child on Child Sexual Abuse Referrals**

- Any sexual behavior between children 12 yrs. or younger occurring without consent, equality, or as a result of coercion. • 65C-30.001(19)
- You must respond to all child on child sexual abuse intakes when the alleged offender is 12 yrs. or younger. • 65C-29.007(1)
- Hotline immediately transfers reports/calls to LE if alleged offender is age 13 or older.
- Services for family/caregiver, victim, juvenile sex offender, or child who exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior must be voluntary & of necessary duration. • 39.307(4), F.S.

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**Foster Care Referrals**

Concerns that do not meet the criteria for intakes involving the care provided in a licensed foster home, group home or emergency shelter.

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**Caregiver Unavailable**

The parent/caregiver has been incarcerated, hospitalized or died and immediate plans for the child's care must be made.

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**Parent Needs Assistance**

Situation in which a parent/caregiver is having difficulty caring for a child, afraid of abusing the child or is looking for help and without intervention maltreatment may occur.

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**Institutional Intakes** • s. 39.302, F.S.

Allegations that an employee/agent of DCF or any other entity/person covered by s.39.01(33) or (47), F.S. who

- is acting in an official capacity
- committed an act of child maltreatment

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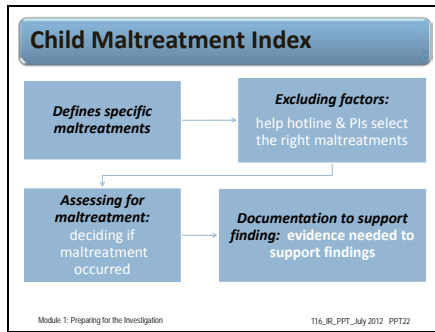
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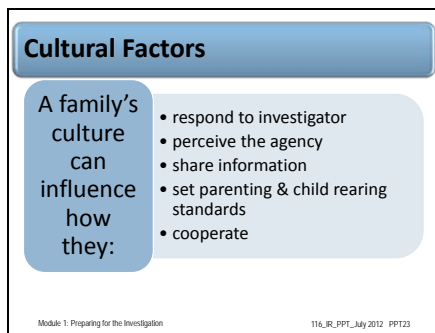
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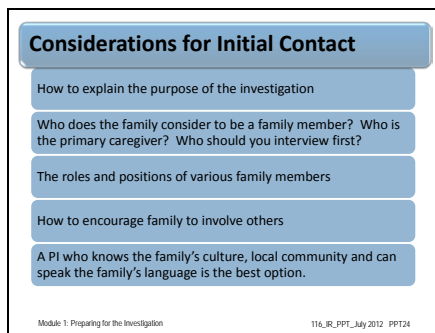
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**Initial Contact**

Child safety is always considered first.

Know your agency procedures for law enforcement assistance requests.

FS 39.301(7), (9) require:

- face-to-face interviews
- assessment of the child's residence

If the client may be dangerous, take law enforcement with you.

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**Methods for Gathering Data**

**Interviews**

- Identify what happened & when, who was involved, etc.
- Verify/refute allegations based upon consistency with other facts/interviews

**Direct observations**

- Assess family interactions
- Assess child's response to caregivers/household members
- Determine the presence of injury

Assess documentation from past agency, court, police, & medical records

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**Document Observations**

**Children's**

- physical/developmental condition
- includes observable effects of maltreatment
- emotional status
- Includes mannerisms, signs of fear

**Parents'**

- reactions to the agency's concerns
- emotional and behavioral status

Interactions between family members

Home's physical condition

Neighborhood's Climate

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**Assessing Risk**

Risk assessment is an ongoing process that can help you:

- Assess if the child remains at risk of maltreatment .
- Assess which risk factors must be controlled to keep the child safe.
- Provide basis for interventions & services for the family.

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**Observing the Child, Parents, Home Environment**

Specific areas to observe include:

- Child's physical condition
- Child's emotional status
- Parent's reaction to agency's concerns
- Parents' emotional/behavioral status; denial & resistance levels; use of defense mechanisms
- Home's physical status
- Neighborhood climate

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**Threat of Harm: Immediate or Impending?**

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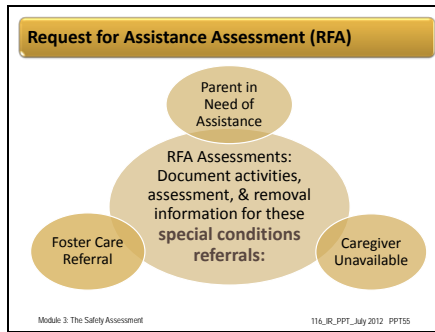








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