



State of South Carolina Department of Social Services

Policies and Procedures: Child Welfare Manual

Subject:	752.01 Entry of Criminal Court Data on the Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry
Chapter:	Family Preservation
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Standards:	Guiding Principles and Standards (GPS) Practice Model
Application:	Child Welfare Services Staff

POLICY:

Section 17-25-135.

- A. When a person is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to an 'Offense Against the Person' as provided for in Title 16, Chapter 3, an 'Offense Against Morality or Decency' as provided for in Title 16, Chapter 15, criminal domestic violence, as defined in Section 16-25-20, criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature as defined in Section 16-25-65, or the common law offense of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, and the act on which the conviction or the plea of guilty or nolo contendere is based involved sexual or physical abuse of a child, the court shall order that the person's name, any other identifying information, including, but not limited to, the person's date of birth, address, and any other identifying characteristics, and the nature of the act which led to the conviction or plea be placed in the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect established by Section 20-7-680. The clerk shall forward the information to the Department of Social Services for this purpose in accordance with guidelines adopted by the department.
- B. For purposes of this section:
1. 'Physical abuse' means inflicting physical injury upon a child or encouraging or facilitating the infliction of physical injury upon a child by any person including, but not limited to, a person responsible for the child's welfare, as defined in Section 20-7-490(5).
 2. 'Sexual abuse' means:
 - a. actual or attempted sexual contact with a child; or
 - b. permitting, enticing, encouraging, forcing, or otherwise facilitating a child's participation in prostitution or in a live performance or photographic representation of sexual activity or sexually explicit nudity; by any person

including, but not limited to, a person responsible for the child's welfare, as defined in Section 20-7-490(5).

Referenced Documents

Revision Comments