

TANF DRUG SCRIPT FOR FSD STAFF MAKING CA/N HOTLINE CALLS

Section 208.027 Revised Statutes of Missouri (*RSMo*) requires Temporary Assistance (TA) applicants and participants to submit to a screening for illegal use of a controlled substance.

Family Support Division (FSD) employees are required by this law to refer an individual to the Children's Division (CD) if:

- (1) that individual tested positive for illegal use of a controlled substance or fails to show up for the drug test; **AND**
- (2) the employee has reasonable cause to believe that child abuse is occurring as a result of the use of the illegal drugs.

Reports are to be made immediately to the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline:

800-392-3738 & TDD 800-669-8689

The Hotline is staffed 24 hours, 7 days a week by trained Children's Service Workers whose responsibility is to accept the information and make the determination if the information constitutes a child abuse/neglect report.

FSD Staff must follow the script below when making these referrals:

- Your name and office phone number (as the mandated reporter).
- Name/dob/gender/race of all children in the home (offer DCN's).
- Name/dob/race of the parent with the positive drug test (offer DCN).
- Address/household county/ telephone number for the family identified above.
- Name/dob/race/address/telephone number of the non-custodial parent(s).
- Your relationship to the child (FSD worker) and work address.
- Has this specific problem been reported before to the hotline?
- Other agencies notified about this specific problem?
- What is the concern you are calling about today? **"This is a TANF Drug Test Call"**
- What drug is the parent using based on the drug test results?
 - Date of the drug test?
 - If meth, has the child been exposed to a meth lab? If so, when and where?
- Have you seen the child?
 - If so, when?
 - Did you have any concerns based on the child's appearance?

- Did you have any concerns about the interaction between the parent and the child?
- Do you know (or has anyone reported to you) how the parent's drug use has adversely affected the child in any way?

NOTE: Identify the person reporting to you along with the person's relationship to the child and contact information.

Adverse affect can be related to food, shelter, utilities, hygiene, supervision, medical, emotional, school attendance, suspicious injuries, etc.

- Do you have any other concerns about the child?