



Practice Points

Notify CANRB of Changes Prior to the Hearing

The purpose of this Practice Point is to remind staff alleged perpetrators may become ineligible for review by the Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board (CANRB) when certain actions occur which are directly related to the child abuse and/or neglect investigation. Alleged perpetrators may become ineligible if:

- Criminal charges are filed
- Criminal conviction occurs
- Juvenile or Family Court adjudication

Policy directs staff in [Section 2.4.1.4.8.7 Court Adjudicated](#) to enter a court adjudicated finding in FACES based upon a court's decision in a Juvenile or Family Court adjudication, a Criminal Court conviction or a judicial review conducted by the Circuit Court. It is not an investigative conclusion of the Division. However, if the Division's determination of child abuse or neglect by a POE is substantiated by court adjudication, the determination shall not be subject to further administrative review. Applying a Court Adjudicated finding to a CA/N investigative conclusion by the Division is a legal interpretation, and as such, should be referred to the Division of Legal Services (DLS) through appropriate supervisory channels.

If, following the local Administrative Review, but prior to the CANRB review, the local office determines the alleged perpetrator is no longer eligible for appeal due to pending criminal charges or court adjudication, the local office must immediately notify the CANRB liaison, and update the FACES *Appeal* screen accordingly. The CANRB liaison will then notify the alleged perpetrator that he or she is not eligible for a CANRB review.

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