



Practice Points

State Technical Assistance Team (STAT)

The purpose of this Practice Point is to communicate to staff the availability of a valuable resource available within our department. The State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) is a law enforcement agency within the Department of Social Services, staffed with commissioned law enforcement officers specially trained to investigate child fatalities, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and technology facilitated crimes against children.

A referral to STAT can be made by State and Federal law enforcement agencies, State and Federal Prosecutors, Medical Examiners and Coroners, Family or Juvenile Court Personnel, Department of Social Services, and Department of Mental Health. To request STAT's assistance on a CA/N investigation, staff should consult with his/her direct supervisor and obtain final approval from the Regional Director or his/her designee prior to making a request.

Children's Division staff should consider STAT a member of the state multi-disciplinary team and assist STAT investigators whenever possible in their efforts to conduct a complete and thorough investigation. Staff should share any information related to an investigation STAT has accepted regardless of the status of the Children's Division investigation.

A comprehensive description of STAT services can be found at: [State Technical Assistance Team](#). Policy guidance related to STAT can be found in the Child Welfare Manual in [Section 2 Chapter 4 Subsection 2](#).

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