



Practice Points

TANF Drug Test Indicator

The purpose of this Practice Point is to inform staff an indicator checkbox has been added to a hotline screen in FACES to track the reported concerns pursuant to the 2011 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Child Protection and Drug Free Home Act. The Act requires the Department of Social Services to develop a program to screen applicants for or recipients of TANF Program benefits for whom the Department has reasonable cause to believe, based on the eligibility screening, engages in the illegal use of a controlled substance.

CANHU staff will check the indicator checkbox when a hotline call is received by a Family Support Division (FSD) employee who has concerns of child abuse/neglect as a result of substance use. CANHU will continue to follow the current screening process to determine if a child abuse/neglect investigation or an assessment is warranted. Field staff do not need to take any action regarding this new checkbox. The checkbox is for reporting purposes only. Field staff should conduct their investigations and assessments following the usual protocols and procedures.

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