

# Practice Alert



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This Practice Alert is to inform staff of how to proceed when the county receives a Birth Match Newborn Crisis Assessment (NCA) after a Drug Exposed NCA was received at birth.

Previously, when a county already had a NCA on a family and later a Birth Match was made, CANHU would send a Preventive Services Referral (PSR) to the county. All Birth Matches are now sent as NCAs. This change allows Birth Match reports to be accurately tracked and to ensure the reason for the Birth Match is being discussed with the family.

In an effort to prevent multiple visits with the family, it is very important for staff to complete a thorough prior history check during all NCAs received. If this is done by staff and the prior history discussed with the family during the initial NCA, then NCAs can be **combined if a subsequent Birth Match NCA is alerted**. In order to accurately capture Birth Match outcome data, **staff must not duplicate** the Birth Match NCA to the original NCA. Staff should enter a contact in FACES stating a Birth Match report was received and CD already discussed the prior history with the family during the initial NCA. If staff **did not** discuss the prior history during the initial NCA staff should contact the family to discuss the Birth Match report.

A Birth Match is made when at least one of the two categories below is met:

- (1) individuals whose parental rights have **ever** been involuntarily terminated in Missouri AND who are identified in the Central Registry as having a finding by the Division or a court adjudication of child abuse or neglect within the previous ten years;
- (2) individuals identified in the Central Registry who have also pled guilty or been found guilty of specific crimes, within the previous ten years, provided the victim was less than eighteen years of age, including: chapter 566 or section 565.020, 565.021, 565.023, 565.024, 567.050, 568.020, 568.065, 573.023, 573.025, 573.035, 573.037, 573.040, 573.200, and 573.205.

This information can be found by checking **Call/Case Prior History Search and Court Adjudicated Central Registry (CACR) screens in FACES** and **Case Net** on both parents.