

2015 Minnesota Statutes

626.556 REPORTING OF MALTREATMENT OF MINORS.

Subd. 10n. **Required referral to early intervention services.** A child under age three who is involved in a substantiated case of maltreatment shall be referred for screening under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, part C. Parents must be informed that the evaluation and acceptance of services are voluntary. The commissioner of human services shall monitor referral rates by county and annually report the information to the legislature beginning March 15, 2014. Refusal to have a child screened is not a basis for a child in need of protection or services petition under chapter 260C.

- CPS is mandated to refer to Early Intervention via the Help Me Grow referral system during the maltreatment investigation
- The referral goes to the CST to determine the next steps: screening or evaluation
- Best practices has been to make 3 attempts to contact the parent. Send a final letter when attempts to contact have been unsuccessful. When calling the parent, consider including that the referral was made by their social worker based on environmental factors in the home.
- Prior Written Notice and consent is determined for screening and/or evaluation
- It is the legal right of the parent to consent or reject the district proposal
- Please close the referral loop. Contact the referral source. Gain permission on releases to share information between agencies as needed.