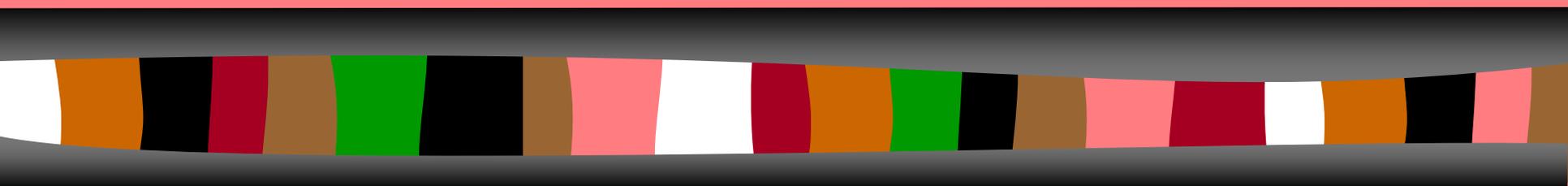


Home Visitor Safety

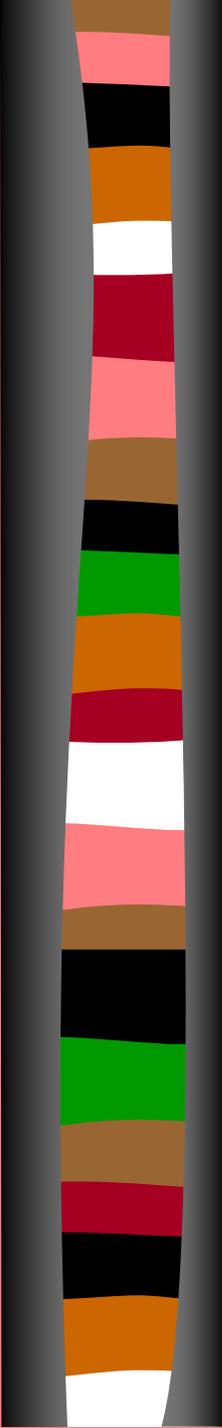


Training Companion to Home
Visitation Safety Guidelines

Reporting

Child Abuse and Neglect

Child Protective Services (CPS) in Oklahoma

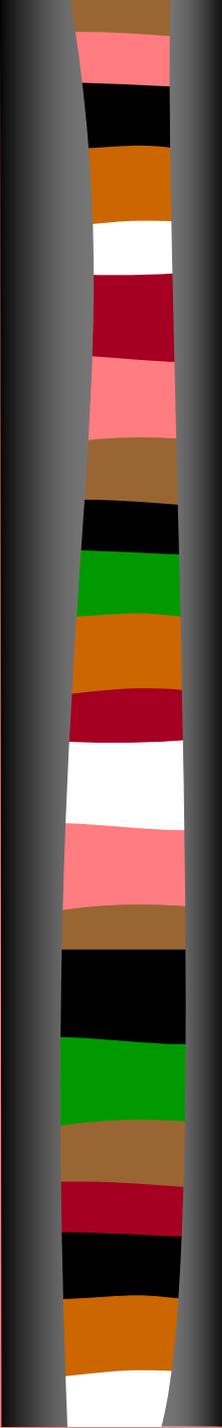


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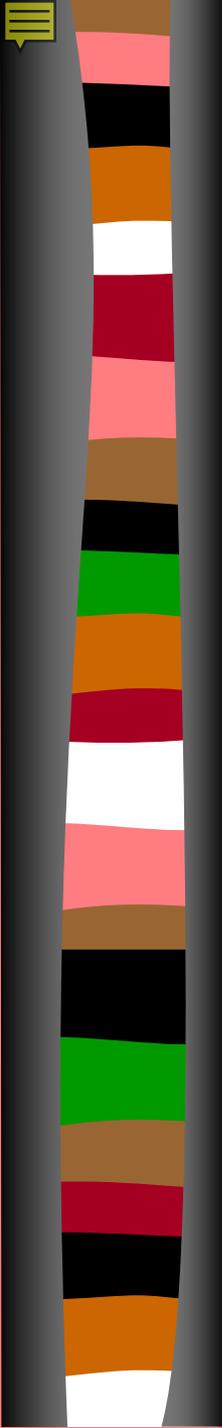
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Important Note

When utilizing the guidelines provided in this training and the entire Safety Manual, it is important to remember the context in which they will be used. Safety considerations may vary from location to location as well as from situation to situation. For example, safety issues in rural areas may differ somewhat from safety issues in urban areas. Because each community is unique, the safety issues encountered in that community may also be unique. With regard to safety issues, there are other factors, in addition to context, that may need to be considered. Those factors include agency policies and procedures as well as current state laws.

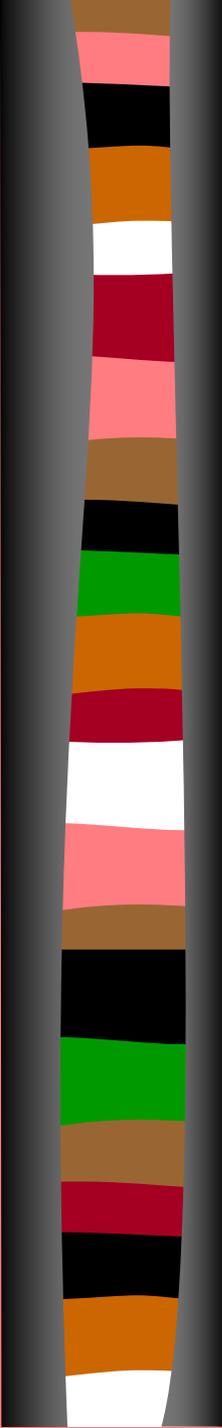
Safety guidelines often need to be adapted and/or expanded to address the specific concerns of each location or situation. Supervisory sessions provide an appropriate venue for discussion of specific safety concerns and fine-tuning of safety procedures. The supervisor should be available and immediately informed if the home visitor fears for his/her safety. The safety of the home visitor is of utmost importance. The focus of this manual and training is to provide general guidelines to enhance understanding and awareness of safety issues for home visitors.



Training Objectives

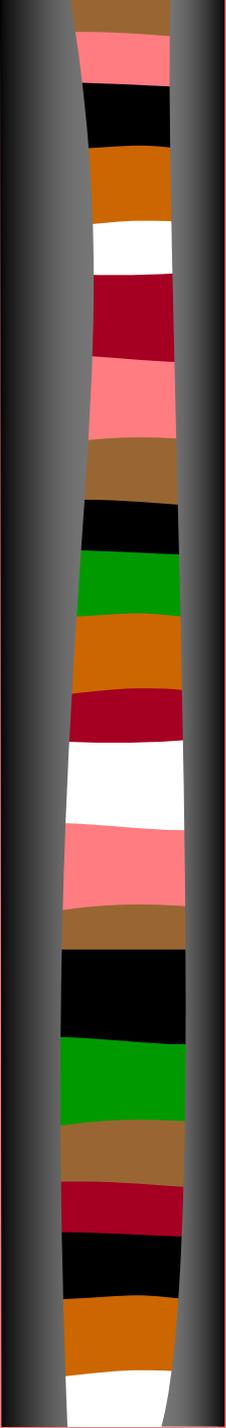
Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect:

- Who Must report
- Report What?
- Child Abuse/Neglect by PRFC



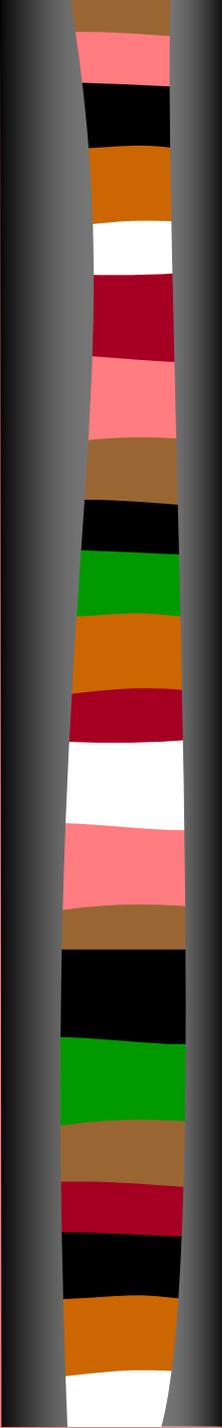
What happens when OKDHS receives a report alleging child abuse and neglect?

- Immediate determination as to safety of child(ren)
- Screening



Time Frame for Response

- Priority I Immediately, same day
- Priority II ... 2-15 days

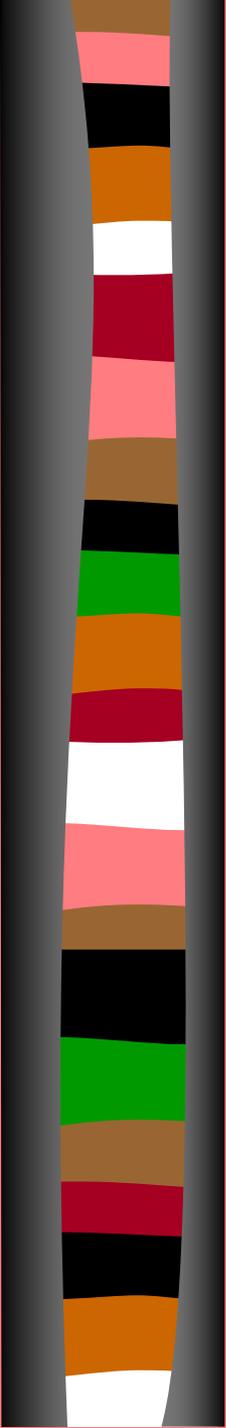


Two Track System

- CPS Investigation – serious & immediate threat to health & safety

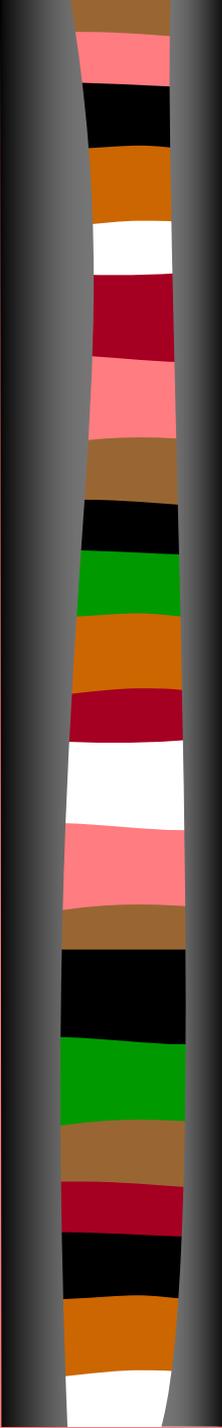
Vs.

- CPS Assessment – no reported serious & immediate threat to health/safety



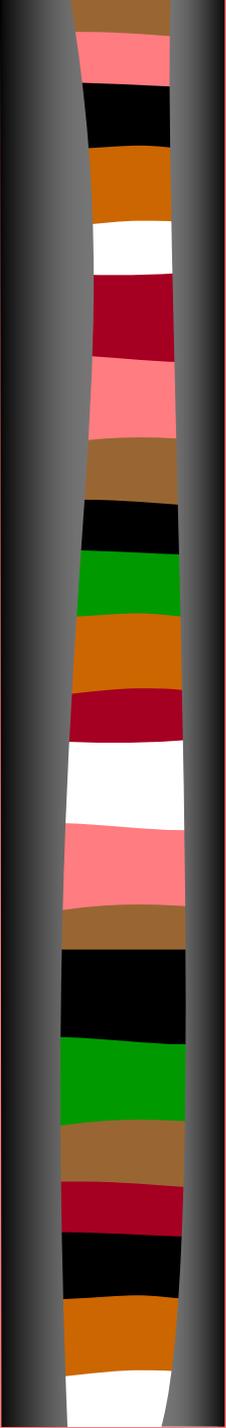
What is a CPS investigation?

- identifies, treats, and prevents child abuse/neglect
- ensures safety of children
- is not a criminal investigation



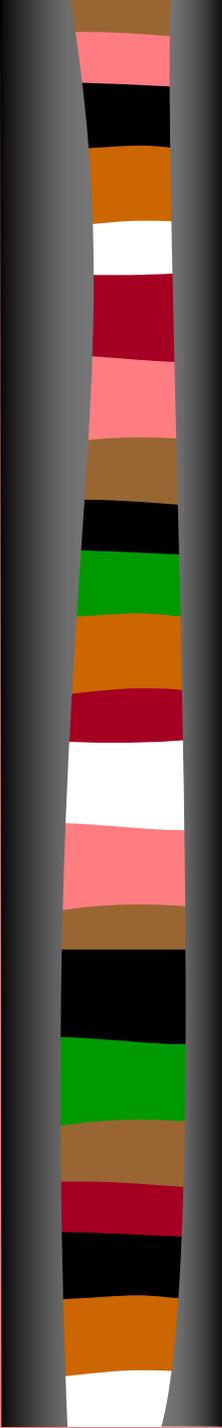
CPS Investigative Protocol

- Unannounced
- Home Visit
- Interviews are private & separate



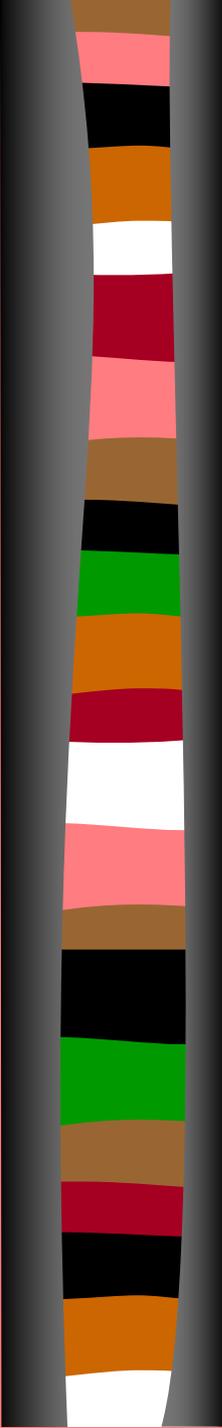
CPS Investigative Protocol

- Interviews are done with:
 - Child(ren)
 - Child(ren)'s siblings & other children in the home
 - PRFC's
 - Collateral's
 - Review of case records



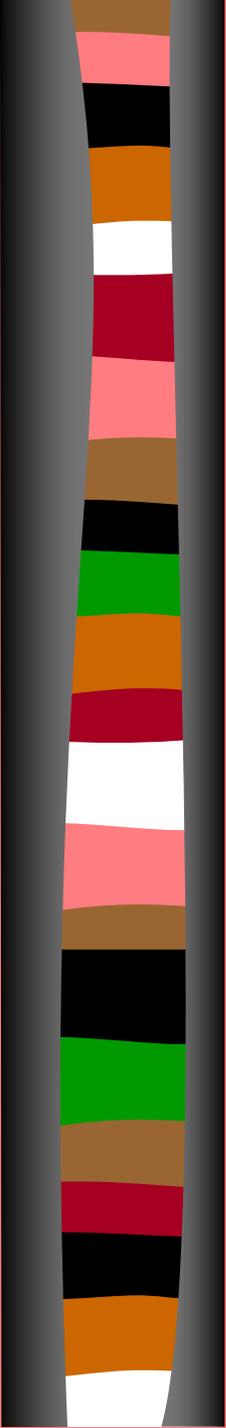
CPS Assessment Protocol

- Initial contact with child may be in the home
- May include both separate &/ or joint interviews
- Appointments may be set following initial contact
- No Findings
- May become a CPS Investigation if safety a concern



Safety Determination

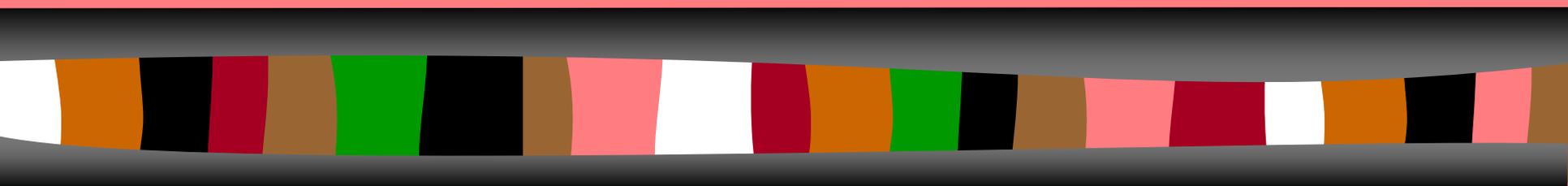
- Child to remain in home
- Child to remain in home with safety plan
- Child cannot remain in home
- OKDHS DOES NOT HAVE THE
AUTHORITY TO REMOVE CHILDREN!



Findings

- No Services Needed
- Services Recommended
- Confirmed – Services Recommended
- Confirmed – Court Intervention Requested
- Reasonable Parental Discipline [Records Expunged]

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