

## Information for Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect:

In consultation with the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services, DCF Prevention and Protection Services implemented a Safety Intervention System. Collection information standards have been developed to focus on safety.

## What does this mean for persons reporting concerns of child abuse and neglect?

- Additional questions are asked during intake interviews.

## What is the purpose?

- The purpose of asking additional questions is to gather important information about families in Six Areas of Family Life for Safety Assessment:
  - *Extent of situation*
  - *Circumstances/conditions surrounding the situation*
  - *Child functioning*
  - *Discipline approaches and typical context*
  - *General Parenting Practices*
  - *Caregiver functioning*
- The gathering of information will begin when the agency receives the report, and will continue throughout any additional contacts regarding a family.
- The information gathered in these areas will provide pertinent and sufficient understanding about the family to address safety throughout the life of the case.

## What is the benefit of implementing the Safety Intervention System?

- DCF will have a comprehensive understanding of the family's functioning, resulting in an enhanced ability to complete comprehensive risk and safety assessments, resulting in informed safety decisions for children and families.

**If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected in Kansas, please contact the  
Kansas Protection Report Center (KPRC) at:  
1-800-922-5330**