

An Overview of House Bill 2075 Implementation

Receiving and Responding to Referrals from Law Enforcement

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The secretary shall provide an electronic means of communication for a responding law enforcement officer to refer a child who may be a victim of abuse or neglect to the secretary. The secretary shall receive such referrals and, within 24 hours, initiate an investigation of abuse or neglect and contact the persons who are the subject of such investigation. Then, within 24 hours of such contact, the secretary shall respond to the referring law enforcement agency with the status of the investigation.



Families

Starting July 1, 2025, DCF is initiating contact with families every day of the week including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays when there is a report from a law enforcement officer about a child in a family who might be a victim of abuse or neglect.

If the family is already receiving services from DCF, the person from DCF initiating the contact on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday may not be the same worker the family is used to visiting their family.

Any DCF employee initiating contact with a family has agency identification.

There may be times that DCF and a law enforcement officer arrive together.

Attempts to contact the family, interviews, family engagement and connection with the family's supports follow agency policies and procedures.

Referrals or connections to local resources or DCF prevention providers may be made for families on a weekend or holiday, but not all providers are able to respond on weekends.



Local Law Enforcement

Reports from a law enforcement officer are still received through the Kansas Protection Report Center toll-free line 1-800-922-5330, web reporting or fax.

Starting July 1, 2025, if the report made is about a child who may be a victim of abuse or neglect, a DCF child protection specialist or investigator will initiate contact with the family within 24 hours.

DCF will provide response to the reporting law enforcement agency either through email or phone call within 24 hours of DCF's contact with the family.

As in current practice:

- If a law enforcement agency requests DCF hold off on contacting a family, DCF will not contact the family until law enforcement provides further guidance.
- If the alleged circumstance requires a joint investigation by DCF and law enforcement, the child protection specialist or investigator will coordinate with the law enforcement agency on the best way to proceed with contacting the family.

DCF and law enforcement will continue having local points of contact for system collaboration Monday–Friday. On weekends and holidays, the DCF responding practitioner may not be the same point of contact that the law enforcement agency is used to contacting.

DCF regions are setting up discussion meetings with local law enforcement agencies.

HB 2075 Impact Opportunities



**Here for
children
and families,
every day of
every week.**

HB 2075 presents opportunities for a positive impact on Kansas children and families.



Initiate child and family well-being assessment



Initial or immediate safety planning



Reinforce connection with the family's supports



Prevent the need for foster care



Initiate resource or service referrals

