

DCF Case Finding History

Timeframe	Standard	Finding Language	Code in Central Registry (CERS)
11/79	Reason to believe	<p><u>Unconfirmed Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect</u>: the worker finds no basis for confirmation of the reported suspected child abuse/neglect.</p> <p><u>Confirmed Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect</u>: several factors of the indicators of abuse/neglect are present (indicators of abuse are found elsewhere in policy, see 50105.2).</p>	Confirmed finding(CN)
1/83	Reason to believe	<p><u>Confirmed</u>: reason to believe abuse/neglect exists.</p> <p><u>Unconfirmed – at risk</u>: reason to believe abuse/neglect will occur in the future without intervention.</p> <p><u>Unfounded</u>: no reason to believe abuse/neglect exists or is likely to occur.</p> <p><u>Unknown</u>: unable to contact the family.</p>	Confirmed finding(CN)

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12/84	Reason to believe	<p><u>Confirmed</u>: reason to believe abuse/neglect exists</p> <p><u>Unconfirmed – Eligible for Services or In Need of Corrective Action</u>: reason to believe abuse/neglect will occur in the future without intervention.</p> <p><u>Unfounded</u>: no reason to believe abuse/neglect exists or is likely to occur.</p> <p><u>Unknown</u>: unable to contact the family.</p>	Confirmed finding(CN)
1/87	More likely than not/ preponderance	<p><u>Confirmed</u>: a reasonable person would conclude that more likely than not abuse/neglect occurred and the alleged perpetrator is more likely than not responsible for the abuse/neglect.</p> <p><u>Unconfirmed – Eligible for Services or In Need of Corrective Action</u>: A reasonable person would not believe that abuse/neglect occurred but abuse/neglect is likely to occur in the future without intervention.</p> <p><u>Unfounded</u>: a reasonable person would not believe that abuse/neglect occurred.</p>	Confirmed (CN)
7/88	More likely than not/ preponderance	<u>Post-Confirmation Corrective Action Plans</u> : now apply to all SRS CPS investigations. Should be the exception rather than the rule.	Confirmed (CN)
12/94*	More likely than not/ preponderance	<u>Not involved</u> : No allegations of abuse or neglect was made and none was found.	Confirmed(CN)

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		<p><u>Unconfirmed</u>: “a reasonable person would conclude that more likely than not abuse/neglect occurred”.</p> <p><u>Confirmed</u>: “a reasonable person would not believe abuse/neglect occurred”.</p>	
July 1997 to June 30, 2004	<p>Preponderance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51 % convinced something occurred Alleged facts are more likely to be true than not. 	<p>A. “Unsubstantiated” if the response to the question, “Would a reasonable person conclude that more likely than not abuse/neglect occurred,” is “No.”</p> <p>B. “Substantiated”- a reasonable person weighing the evidence would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) a person is the perpetrator.</p> <p>C. “Validated” The term validation comes from the statutory provision (K.S.A. 65-516) that a person poses a danger to children and may not work, reside or regularly volunteer in a facility regulated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).</p>	<p>CV</p> <p>SB- is a substantiated finding, but the person is NOT on Central Register during this timeframe.</p>
July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2016	<p>“Clear and Convincing”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater than 51% convinced but less than 90% convinced. Evidence which shows the truth of the facts asserted is highly probable. 	<p>A. “Unsubstantiated”-The facts or circumstances do not provide clear and convincing evidence to meet the Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.) definition of abuse and neglect.</p> <p>B. “Substantiated”- The facts and circumstances provide clear and convincing evidence to conclude the alleged perpetrator's actions or inactions meet the K.S.A. and K.A.R. definition of abuse or neglect and, therefore, alleged perpetrator should not be permitted to reside, work, or regularly volunteer in a child care facility regulated by KDHE.</p>	<p>SB</p>

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Events assigned July 1, 2016 to Case finding decisions made December 31, 2024	<p>Preponderance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 51 % convinced something occurred• Alleged facts and circumstances more likely than not meet the abuse/neglect definitions per K.S.A. and K.A.R.	<p>A. “Unsubstantiated”- A reasonable person weighing the facts or circumstances would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator’s actions or inactions do not meet the abuse and/or neglect per applicable Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.).</p> <p>B. “Affirmed”- a reasonable person weighing the facts and circumstances would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator's actions or inactions meet the abuse/neglect definition per Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.).</p> <p>C. “Substantiated”- a reasonable person weighing the facts and circumstances would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator's actions or inactions meet the abuse/neglect definition per Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.), and meets criteria per PPM 2502 indicating the alleged perpetrator should not be permitted to reside, work, or regularly volunteer in a child care facility regulated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment KDHE or Kansas Department for Children and Families Foster Care and Residential Facility Licensing.</p>	SB
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Case finding decisions made January 1, 2025, to Present	<p>Preponderance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">51 % convinced something occurred <p>Alleged facts and circumstances more likely than not meet the abuse/neglect definitions per K.S.A. and K.A.R.</p>	<p>A. “Unsubstantiated”- A reasonable person weighing the facts or circumstances would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator’s actions or inactions do not meet the abuse and/or neglect per applicable Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.).</p> <p>B. “Substantiated”- a reasonable person weighing the facts and circumstances would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator's actions or inactions meet the abuse/neglect definition per Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.), and meets criteria per PPM 2502 indicating the alleged perpetrator should not be permitted to reside, work, or regularly volunteer in a child care facility regulated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment KDHE or Kansas Department for Children and Families Foster Care and Residential Facility Licensing.</p>	SB
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