

INDICATOR NAME: Domestic Violence Indicator

SETTING CRITERIA: IV-D & Non IV-D
Self-report

ELIGIBLE PEOPLE: People Directly Protected --
Victims

Others Protected
Others, as needed (Manual)

IMPACT: Sends FV Indicator to the FCR

DURATION: Indefinite

REMOVAL CRITERIA: Joint assessment of victim & worker that risk has ended

OVERRIDE: State-specific components not yet developed



Washington's DCS Handbook has been revised to include information on handling situations that present a risk of family violence. An excerpt from that handbook appears below.

DCS Handbook -- Section 9.030: Family Violence

Chapter 9: Limitations to Collection

Section 9.030: Family Violence

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PROCEDURES

A. How do I know if DCS actions are related to the threat of domestic violence?

1. The CP may tell you.
2. A conference board may determine it.
3. You may find out in the process of working a case.

B. What do I do when a person brings up family violence in relation to a case?

See Chapter 5 -- Cooperation & Good Cause, for more information.

1. Explain what options that person has for protection.
 - a. Good cause.
 - b. Address Confidentiality Program.
 - c. Community counseling and support services.
 - d. DCS Family Violence/Options brochure.
2. Explain what DCS will do.
 - a. Offer a **Report of Family Violence**, DSHS 18-569 to the CP.
 - b. Call the CSO, CPS, or state office with the information.
 - c. Stop collection or establishment on a nonassistance debt.
 - d. Suspend collection or establishment on an assistance case or assistance subro.
 - e. Resume collecting if the CSO denies good cause on an assistance case.
 - f. Resume collecting an assistance subro debt 30 days after the nonassistance CP returns the 18-569, unless the CP requests a conference board.
3. Make a White Board comment regarding the family violence issues.
4. In general, report alleged violence on assistance cases to the CSO. Send an **Information Request**, DSHS 18-011.
5. Report suspected child abuse or neglect to CPS. Send an **Abuse Allegation Report**, DSHS 09-861.
6. Report suspected rape of a child to state office Policy Unit, who will report it to the proper law enforcement agency. State office will send a **Sexual Misconduct Report**, DSHS 09-859.

Family Violence -- Frequently Asked Questions

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Case Maintenance

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Do we record domestic violence if we learn of it, even if CP doesn't want us to stop actions?

Even if the CP doesn't want DCS to stop taking action it is important to have a notation on case comments and the white board. It may also be appropriate to set the Domestic Violence Indicator (DVI) to 1. Further in this document you will read more information about the DVI.

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Domestic Violence Indicator

How does the Domestic Violence Indicator (on the BI-I screen) work?

Federal welfare reform legislation (PRWORA) requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain within the Federal Parent Locator Service an automated registry called the Federal Case Registry of Child Support Orders (FCR). FCR began operating on October 1, 1998. Each state's case registry (SCR) must be able to interface with the FCR. State must report certain data elements to the FCR, including names, social security numbers, dates of birth, case identification numbers, and other information. In addition, states must include a domestic violence or child abuse indicator as a data element. The purpose of the domestic violence indicator is to prevent FCR from disclosing information about an individual to another state. On SEMS, the DVI resides on the BI-I screen. DVI set to 0 allows free flow of information. DVI set to 1 prevents information about that individual from being released. To prevent FCR from releasing information about a domestic violence or child abuse victim, set the DVI on the victim's BI-I screen to 1. To protect information about an entire family (and to be on the safe side) also set the children's DVI to 1.

Is there a permanent record anywhere on SEMS that will keep track of when DVI is turned on and off?

There is no automated postings that keep track of the DVI on/off record. You must depend on the postings to the Case Comments screen.

Materials

In Washington, the Domestic Violence Indicator appears on the "Individual Screen." A sample of that screen is shown below, and the indicator is set out in **bold**. The on-line help screen follows.

SEMS-XXX	Individual Screen					xx/xx/xxxx:xx:xx
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SSN:	Date	Source	Location	Confirmed	IRS Ind	
xxx-xx-xxxx	xx/xx/xxxx	SSA		1 Yes	0 Not Sent	
CAMIS Prsn ID:	0	Emanc/Support Term:	/ /			
Height:	Weight:	Hair:	Eyes:	Sex:	F	
Birth City:		State:	Country:			
Emp Type: 0	Mil Info on CC: N	Domestic Violence Ind: 00 No Issue				
Plate #:		FIP:				
Doc #:		FIP:				
Father:	,					
Mother:	,			Mdn:		
Action Code:						

SEMS-XXX	Individual Screen					xx/xx/xxxx:xx:xx
						6/98
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INDICATOR -- Identifies individuals with family violence issues, and those without.						
0	=	No Family Violence Issue				
This code allows receipt of Federal Case Registry (FCR) information, and is the default code for this field.						
1	=	Family Violence Issue				
This code blocks receipt of data from the FCR for this individual and ALL associated individuals.						
Plate #:		FIP:				
DOC #:		FIP:				
Father:	,			Mdn:		
Mother:	,					
Action Code: M						
Press Esc key to exit, PgUp/PgDn to scroll window.						