DID YOU KNOW?

Maltreatment in Foster Care and the ADT

A new panel has been added to the maltreatment screen in TWIST within the CPS ADT to indicate if the alleged maltreatment occurred prior to the child entering out-of-home care (OOHC).

'Yes' should only be selected in situations where an alleged victim is already in OOHC and the incident being investigated occurred *prior* to the victim entering into OOHC. Example: a child is removed from their home and placed in OOHC. Once they are comfortable in their placement, they disclose maltreatment that occurred prior to the removal.

Currently, when analyzing data for maltreatment that occurs while children are in OOHC, it cannot be determined if an incident of maltreatment occurred during or prior to the OOHC episode.

Maltreatment in foster care is a data indicator associated with the federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) that requires adequate monitoring to ensure Kentucky is meeting the national standard for ensuring the safety of children who are placed in OOHC.