

## FINDINGS RECOMMENDATIONS

When considering the finding of maltreatment, the SSW and FSOS will decide through consultation if the child was found to be an "Abused or neglected child" per KRS 600.020. The assessment of maltreatment will need to support the legal rational in the narrative of the ADT.

SAFETY THREAT ASSESSMENT: SOP 7.2 CPS Safety Planning	RISK FACTOR ASSESSMENT: SOP 7.4 CPS Prevention Planning	
	LOW AND MODERATE RISK FACTORS	HIGH/VERY HIGH RISK FACTORS
<u>SAFE:</u>  No safety threats found during the investigation.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>UNSUBSTANTIATE and close case:</u></b></p> <p>If the child was found safe and there are low to no risk factors present. Low risk factors can be addressed in an Aftercare Plan. (Review SOP 7.6 CPS Aftercare Planning for more information)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Service referrals:</u></b></p> <p>If no maltreatment is found during a child protection intervention but low to moderate risk factors are present, the SSW can/may make the appropriate community referral(s) and close the case.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SERVICES NEEDED voluntary in-home open case:</u></b></p> <p>If the child was found to be safe during the child protection intervention, however, the family has high risk factors and the family agrees to a Services Needed Voluntary In-home services case, to assist in reducing the risk factors present, the SSW will open a case and work with family to develop necessary case planning goals and objectives.</p>
<u>SAFE WITH A SAFETY PLAN:</u>  Safety threats were identified during the investigation due to abuse or neglect and a safety plan was utilized to mitigate those threats.	<p><b>SUBSTANTIATE OR SERVICES NEEDED FINDINGS: In-home services case until safe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCBS-managed voluntary services (regardless of finding status) when caregivers are willing to work with DCBS.</li> <li>• If family refuses voluntary services, DCBS will file court petition with finding noted for DCBS intervention to be required to ensure safety. If court is not possible, offer community referrals.</li> </ul>	
<u>UNSAFE:</u>  The child was found to be unsafe during the investigation and a safety plan was not able to be utilized to mitigate the safety threats. Child was placed in OOHC.	<p><b>SUBSTANTIATE: Out-of-home services care case:</b></p> <p>Open ongoing out-of-home care case in order to address and mitigate safety threats and risk factors.</p> <p><i>*A service needed finding for Dependency cases can result in a child going into OOHC.</i></p>	
<u>UNABLE TO LOCATE:</u>  <u>SOP 2.12</u>	<p>The investigator does not make a determination of unable to locate until efforts have been made, presented to the supervisor, and approved. The investigator does not make a determination of unable to locate if either the victim or caretaker have been located and/or interviewed.</p>	