

## BUTLER COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

POLICY NO.: 1.10	SUBJECT:  <b>CHILDREN BORN EXPOSED TO DRUGS AND/OR MOTHERS TESTING POSITIVE AT BIRTH</b>
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### **PURPOSE:**

To ensure that a child will be cared for in a safe environment when the child is born exposed to drugs or when the mother tests positive at the time of the child's birth.

### **POLICY:**

When an infant has been born and identified as affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or when the mother tests positive at the time of the child's birth whether or not the child is positive, the BCCS shall screen the referral in as abuse or as a (FINS) Family in Need of Services and do the following:

1. BCCS shall assess safety using the 1401 Safety Assessment within four working days from the date the report was screened in for assessment/investigation. If the case was screened in as a FINS the worker will offer agency services. If the worker feels there are concerns and there is a need for a safety assessment, the worker will have the case upgraded to abuse.

When needed BCCS shall develop a safety plan using the 1409 Safety Plan and shall include in the safety plan the following:

- A. The specific activities to be carried out to ensure the child's well being.
  - B. The name of the person who will assure the baby's safety, and the relationship of that person to the mother/child.
  - C. The oversight person who is willing to be responsible for assuring the plan is followed, and is willing to contact the agency if the plan is not followed; and
  - D. Time frames for completion
2. The Safety Plan must be signed by all involved parties.

### **PROCEDURES:**

1. A staffing shall be held between the worker and supervisor on all positive tests for illegal substance cases within two (2) working days of the referral, or if possible prior to the child's discharge from the hospital to determine further agency involvement.
2. Upon completion of the safety assessment, the worker will contact a drug treatment provider within three (3) working days if appropriate. The worker will complete the referral form for this assessment.
3. The worker shall refer the mother for the appropriate treatment if recommended. If there is no recommendation for treatment and no other concerns, the worker will staff the case for closure.
4. The worker shall refer the infant to "Help Me Grow".
5. If the mother is non-compliant, or fails to comply with a treatment plan, the worker shall staff the case with their supervisor to determine if BCCS will petition the Juvenile Court for either services or placement of the baby.
6. If the case was screened if as a (FINS) Family In Need of Services, and the mother would like services, the case will be staffed to transfer for ongoing services or close with community services.

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Approval Date:



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