

# Child Abuse & Neglect Tips

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT TIPS

## Information Sharing between

### Primary Care Providers (PCP) and DCS Specialist

#### "DID YOU KNOW?"

There is statute language that allows for the sharing of information between DCS and Arizona's community Pediatricians/Primary Care Providers/other healthcare providers?

Healthcare providers have an ability to obtain case record information pursuant to 8-804.01(B) as follows:

In addition to the purposes prescribed in A.R.S. § 8-807, reports and related records maintained pursuant to subsection A of § 8-807 shall be used by the department only for the following purposes:

- To assess the safety and risk to a child when conducting an investigation or identification of abuse or neglect.
- To determine placement for a child that is the least restrictive setting.
- To determine the type and level of services and treatment provided to the child and the child's family.

#### **PRACTICE TIP:**

*INQUIRE ABOUT THE CHILD OR YOUTH'S PREVIOUS PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER (PCP) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CURRENT RECORDS.*

*If possible, prior to initiating contact with the family, complete a comprehensive review and detailed analysis of prior reports, case history, criminal history, services provided and the outcome of the services in the Child Protective Services Central Registry and the CHILDS Case Management Information System.*

- To assist in a criminal investigation or prosecution of child abuse or neglect.
- To meet state and federal reporting requirements.

#### **Sharing of Information for Children in DCS Custody -**

A.R.S. § 8-514.05 directs a health care provider, health plan or institution to provide medical or behavioral health records and information relating to the child's condition and treatment, to include prescription and nonprescription drugs, durable medical equipment, devices and related information to the child's foster parent, group home staff, relative or other person or agency in whose

care the child is currently placed, including department employees who are involved in the child's case management.

