INVESTIGATION SUB-TYPE "OTHER"

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Explanation: Under the new practice model there is a need to create a unique identifier for non-institutional investigations.

Benefit:

- Creates a unique identifier for non-institutional investigations.
- Allows, but does not require, completion of the Family Functional Assessment (FFA).

Who is impacted:

- Hotline Counselors
- Child Protective Investigators

Policy / Decision surrounding practice:

- The investigative sub-type "Other" involves maltreatment in a non-institutional setting in which the alleged perpetrator is an adult sitter or relative not residing in the child's household who has been temporarily entrusted with the child's care.

  Examples include, but are not limited to:

  o A child is maltreated while being "babysat" at the adult babysitter's home.
  o A child is maltreated in his or her own home while being cared for by an adult babysitter.
  o A child is maltreated by a relative (but not other parent or legal guardian) while visiting the relative's home.
  o A relative (but not other parent or legal guardian) maltreats a child while visiting the child's home.

- While all investigative activities must be completed and documented in "Other" investigations, FSFN functionality only validates and requires a "Present Danger Assessment" (PDA) and the "Finding for Maltreatment" be completed prior to submission for closure.

- Investigators always have the option of completing a Family Functioning Assessment (FFA) in an "Other" investigation if the specific circumstances warrant it (i.e., the relative's role in the family or relationship to the child is unclear or there are questions as to whether the relative resides in the home or not, etc.) or if the structure or process of the FFA assists the investigator in organizing information or decision-making.

Online Training: Training for these changes is posted on the Center for Child Welfare's website: http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/fsfnenduser/lifecycleintake/start.html

Resources: User Guides, How Do I Guides, Topic Papers, Reference Data are posted on the Center for Child Welfare's FSFN website: http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/FSFN/FSFNactivation.shtml

CONTACT INFO: If you have a question, submit it to the Center for Child Welfare's FAQ tab: http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/FAQs/AskaFAQ.shtml