

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Agency Submitting Regulation: Department of Children, Youth and Families

Subject Matter of Regulation: These changes are made pursuant to the Family Court Order/Decision in **Re: Stacy C** (201-8371-6), which found that the Department did not adequately notice the public of the definitions, standards and criteria for founding allegations of abuse and neglect and that such notice must be clearly provide in public policy.

ERLID No:

Standards for Investigating Child Abuse and Neglect - (CA/N) Reports (Levels 1, 2, 3):
Current – 6322

Criteria for a Child Protective Services Investigation: Current – 6601

Statutory Authority: 42-72-5; 42-72-8; 40-11-7

Other Agencies Affected: None

Other Regulations That May Duplicate or Conflict with the Regulation: None

Describe the Scope and Objectives of the Regulation: In compliance with the Family court ruling the Department is making public via public policy the current definitions already in use by Child Protective Investigations in founding an allegation of abuse or neglect.

Business Industry (s) Affected by the Regulation: None

Types of Businesses Included in the Industry (s): N/A

Total Number of Small Businesses Included in the Regulated Industry (s): None

Number of Small Businesses Potentially Subject to the Proposed Regulation: None

What is the cost to your agency of establishing and enforcing this regulation? No additional cost as the Department is making public the standards and definitions that are already in use by existing staff to comply with a ruling of the Family Court.

What would the consequences be if the regulation did not exist? The Department would be in violation of an authoritative and legitimate ruling of the RI Family Court.

Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate: 11/5/13

For each question below, please answer “yes” or “no” and offer a brief explanation.

Yes	No	<i>*Note: For each question, please answer “yes” or “no” and offer a brief explanation.</i>
Yes	No X	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes	No X	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
Yes	No X	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
Yes	No X	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
Yes	No X	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
Yes	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?

Yes	No X	Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards?
Yes	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?
Yes	No X	Will the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses?
Yes	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Rhode Island?
Yes	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Rhode Island?
Yes	No X	Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes	No X	Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes	No X	Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?
Yes	No X	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards?
Yes	No X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?
Yes	No X	Were any small businesses or small business organizations contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe.