

Report: A Child at Risk: Missed Opportunities to Save a Life
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Recommendation #3

The Social Services Agency work more closely with larger medical institutions that use Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect (SCAN) teams in detecting child-abuse injuries and developing procedures for recording and reporting abuse. The Social Services Agency should also include those medical providers that do not use SCAN teams.

Original Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Current Status

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

There is a recruitment in process at this time for the Medical Director at CAST. The position will be filled as soon as possible. Once filled, this person will work with all parties involved to ensure that proper reporting and recording is accomplished.

Recommendation #8

The Child Abuse Registry add a public health nurse to assist social workers at CAR in interpreting and evaluating medical information on children who come to the attention of Children and Family Services.

Original Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Current Status

The recommendation has been implemented.

A job offer has been accepted and the new Public Health Nurse will begin on Feb. 18, 2005.

Recommendation #10

The Child Abuse Registry publicize to all Orange County law enforcement agencies that a dedicated phone line exists solely for use by police departments. Ensure that incoming calls on the dedicated line are given prompt attention.

Original Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Current Status

The recommendation has been implemented.

Two new phone lines have been installed for the exclusive use of law enforcement.