

by an employee of the facility or agency and involving a child who is currently or who was previously under that facility or agency's care.

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

(3) "LOCAL DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT HAS JURISDICTION IN THE COUNTY:

(I) WHERE THE ALLEGEDLY ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD LIVES;
OR

(II) IF DIFFERENT, WHERE THE ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

(4) "MEDICAL REPORT" MEANS A PSYCHOLOGICAL, PSYCHIATRIC, THERAPEUTIC, CLINICAL, OR MEDICAL REPORT OR EVALUATION RELATED TO THE ALLEGEDLY ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD, THE CHILD'S SIBLINGS, OR OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD ~~OR IN THE~~ FAMILY, OR CARE OF THE ALLEGED ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR.

(5) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY MAY DISCLOSE INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IF:

(I) THE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE DISCLOSURE IS NOT CONTRARY TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD, THE CHILD'S SIBLINGS, OR OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD ~~OR IN THE~~ FAMILY, OR CARE OF THE ALLEGED ~~ADULT~~ ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR;

(II) THE ALLEGED ~~ADULT~~ ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME RELATED TO A REPORT OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT; AND

(III) THE CHILD NAMED IN A REPORT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT HAS DIED OR SUFFERED A SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY AS DEFINED ~~BY~~ IN ARTICLE 27, § 12 OF THE CODE.

(2) IN DETERMINING WHETHER DISCLOSURE IS CONTRARY TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD, THE CHILD'S SIBLINGS, OR OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD ~~OR IN THE~~ FAMILY, OR CARE OF THE ALLEGED ~~ADULT~~ ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSIDER THE EFFECTS THAT DISCLOSURE MAY HAVE ON THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE CHILD, THE CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD OR FAMILY MEMBERS, OR ANY CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE ALLEGED ~~ADULT~~ ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR.