

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Children and Family Services Licensing Section

State Central Registry—Child Residential Care, Class B
(LAC 67:V.Chapter 69)

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) to amend LAC 67:V, Subpart 8, Chapter 69, Child Residential Care, Class B. this emergency Rule shall be effective January 29, 2019, and shall remain in effect for a period of 120 days.

The proposed Rule amends Chapter 69, Child Residential Care, Class B, Sections 6955, 6957, 6959, and 6961, and promulgates Section 6962. In accordance with R.S. 46:1414.1 of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, any owner, current or prospective employee, or volunteer requesting licensure or licensed by the DCFS is prohibited from ownership or employment if that person's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator with a justified finding of child abuse and/or neglect. The implementation of this Rule will ensure that no individual with a justified finding of child abuse and/or neglect listed on the state central registry owns or is employed in a facility licensed by DCFS.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part V. Child Welfare

Subpart 8. Residential Licensing

Chapter 69. Child Residential Care, Class B

§6955. Procedures

NOTE: This Section has been moved from LAC 67:I.1955.

A. - D.2.g. ...

h. any validated instance of abuse and/or neglect as noted by inclusion on the state central registry if the owner's name appears on the registry, or if the staff member's name appears on the registry and remains in the employment of the licensee;

i. knowingly permit an individual with a justified (valid) finding of child abuse and/or neglect to be on the premises without being directly supervised by another paid employee of the facility, who has not disclosed that their name appears with a justified (valid) finding prior to receipt of the official notification from Child Welfare that the individual is listed on the state central registry;

j. - k. ...

l. have knowledge that a convicted sex offender is on the premises of the child care facility and fail to notify law enforcement and licensing management staff immediately upon receipt of such knowledge;

m. have knowledge that a convicted sex offender is physically present within 1,000 feet of the child care facility and fail to notify law enforcement immediately upon receipt of such knowledge; or

n. permit an individual to be on the premises or to have access to children/youth when listed on the state central registry.

E. - G.2.d. ...

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§6957. Definitions

NOTE: This Section has been moved from LAC 67:I.1957.

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Individual Owner—Repealed.

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Owner or Operator—individual or juridical entity exercising direct or indirect control over a licensed entity.

1. For licensing purposes the following are considered owners:

a. *Individual ownership*—individual and spouse listed on the licensing application submitted and who have access to the children/youth in care of the provider and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider and/or who are present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present;

b. *Partnership*—all limited or general partners and managers who are listed on the licensing application submitted and who have access to the children/youth in care of the provider and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider, and/or who are present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present;

c. *Church owned, university owned or governmental entity*—any clergy and/or board member who is listed on the licensing application submitted and who has access to the children/youth in care of the provider, and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider, and/or who is present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present; or

d. *Corporation (includes limited liability companies)*—individual(s) who is registered as an officer of the board with the Louisiana Secretary of State and/or listed on the licensing application submitted and who has access to the children/youth in care of the provider, and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider, and/or who is present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present.

Ownership—Repealed.

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Reasonable Suspicion—to have or acquire information containing specific and articulable facts indicating that an owner, operator, current or potential employee, or volunteer has been investigated and determined to be the perpetrator of abuse and/or neglect of a minor with a justified (valid) finding currently recorded on the state central registry.

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State Central Registry—repository that identifies individuals with certain justified (valid) findings of abuse and/or neglect of a child or children by the Department of Children and Family Services.

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§6959. Administration and Organization

NOTE: This Section has been moved from LAC 67:1.1959.

A. – B.2. ...

3. Owners shall have a fingerprint based criminal background check from the Louisiana State Police on file with the residential home in accordance with R.S. 46:51.2 and 15:587.1. If an individual has previously obtained a certified copy of their criminal background check from the Louisiana State Police, such certified copy shall be acceptable as meeting the CBC requirements. If an owner obtains a certified copy of their criminal background check from the Louisiana State Police, this criminal background check shall be accepted for a period of one year from the date of issuance of the certified copy. This certified copy shall be kept on file at the facility. Prior to the one-year expiration of the certified criminal background check, a new fingerprint-based satisfactory criminal background check shall be obtained from Louisiana State Police. If the clearance is not obtained prior to the one-year expiration of the certified criminal background check, the owner is no longer allowed on the premises until a clearance is received.

a. This check shall be obtained prior to the license being issued, the addition of a board member who meets the definition of an owner, an individual being present on the premises, or an individual having access to children/youth.

b. No person shall own, operate, or participate in the management or governance of a residential home until such person has submitted his or her fingerprints to Louisiana State Police and it has been determined that such person has not been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C).

c. No person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any offense included in R.S. 15:587.1(C), shall own, operate, or participate in the management or governance of a residential home.

d. Any owner or operator who is convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C) shall not continue in the management or governance after such conviction, guilty plea, or plea of nolo contendere.

e. Only certified CBCs obtained by the individual for themselves from LSP are transferable from one owner to another owner.

4. The following is a listing of individuals by organizational type who are required to submit documentation of a satisfactory fingerprint-based criminal background clearance from the Louisiana State Police:

a. *Individual Ownership*—individual and spouse listed on the licensing application submitted and who have access to the children/youth in care of the provider and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider

and/or who are present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present;

b. *Partnership*—all limited or general partners and managers who are listed on the licensing application submitted and who have access to the children/youth in care of the provider and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider, and/or who are present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present;

c. *Church Owned, University Owned or Governmental Entity*—any clergy and/or board member who is listed on the licensing application submitted and who has access to the children/youth in care of the provider, and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider, and/or who is present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present; or

d. *Corporation (includes limited liability companies)*—individual(s) who is registered as an officer of the board with the Louisiana Secretary of State and/or listed on the licensing application submitted and who has access to the children/youth in care of the provider, and/or children/youth who receive services from the provider, and/or who is present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present.

5. When an individual is listed on the licensing application or the Secretary of State's website as an officer and does not have access to children/youth in care or who receive services from the provider and/or is not present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present, a DCFS approved attestation form signed and dated by the individual is acceptable in lieu of a satisfactory fingerprint based CBC from LSP. The attestation form shall be accepted for a period of one year from the date individual signed attestation form.

6. Effective May 1, 2019, CBCs/attestation forms shall be dated no earlier than 45 days prior to the initial application being received by the Licensing Section, or the individual being present on the premises, or having access to children/youth.

7. Providers and child care staff shall not permit an individual convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 to have physical access to a child residential facility as defined in R.S. 46:1403.

8. The owner or director of a child residential facility shall be required to call and notify law enforcement personnel and the Licensing Section management staff if they have knowledge that a registered sex offender is on the premises of the child residential facility. The verbal report shall be followed by a written report to the Licensing Section within 24 hours. The owner or director of a child residential facility shall be required to call and notify law enforcement personnel if they have knowledge that a registered sex offender is within 1,000 feet of the child day care facility as required by R.S 14:91.1.

9. All owners shall have documentation of a state central registry clearance as required in §6962.

10. In accordance with R.S. 46:1428 providers shall make available to each child's parent or legal guardian information relative to the risks associated with influenza and the availability, effectiveness, known contraindications and possible side effects of the influenza immunization. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of influenza, the means by which influenza is spread, the places a parent or legal guardian may obtain additional information and where a child may be immunized against influenza. The

information shall be updated annually if new information on the disease is available. The information shall be provided annually to each licensed facility by the Department of Children and Family Services and shall be made available to parents or legal guardians prior to November 1 of each year.

C. - O.1.h. ...

i. documentation of a state central registry clearance as required in §6962.

O.2. - R.1. ...

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§6961. Human Resources

NOTE: This Section has been moved from LAC 67:1.1961.

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6. free of a valid finding of child abuse and/or neglect as noted on the state central registry in accordance with §6962.

F. - F.3. ...

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§6962. State Central Registry

A. State Central Registry Checks for Owners

1. Prior to May 1, 2019, in accordance with R.S. 46:1414.1, all owners and operators affiliated with a facility were required to have on file a state central registry clearance form from child welfare stating that the owners/operators were not listed on the state central registry. No person recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a justified (valid) finding of abuse or neglect of a child shall be eligible to own, operate, or participate in the governance of a residential home.

a. When an individual is listed on the licensing application or the Secretary of State's website as an officer and does not have access to children/youth in care or children/youth who receive services from the provider and/or is not present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present, a DCFS approved attestation form signed and dated by the individual is acceptable in lieu of a state central registry clearance. The attestation form shall be accepted for a period of one year from the date individual signed attestation form.

2. Prior to May 1, 2019, all owners and operators affiliated with a facility were required to have on file a clearance from any other state's child abuse and neglect registry in which the owner/operator resided within the

proceeding five years. No person recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect of a child was eligible to own, operate, or participate in the governance of the residential home.

3. In accordance with R.S. 46:1414.1, an inquiry of the state central registry for all owners and operators shall be conducted prior to a license being issued or if currently licensed, prior to the addition of a new board member who meets the definition of an owner. The Louisiana state central registry clearance form shall be dated no earlier than 45 days prior to the license being issued or the addition of a new board member who meets the definition of an owner. For states other than Louisiana, clearance forms shall be dated no earlier than 120 days prior to the license being issued or the addition of a new board member who meets the definition of an owner. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid justified (valid) finding of abuse or neglect of a child shall be eligible to own, operate, or participate in the governance of the residential home.

a. When an individual is listed on the licensing application or the Secretary of State's website as an officer and does not have access to children/youth in care or children/youth who receive services from the provider and/or is not present at any time on the facility premises when children/youth are present, a DCFS approved attestation form signed and dated by the individual is acceptable in lieu of a state central registry clearance. The attestation form shall be accepted for a period of one year from the date individual signed the attestation form.

4. If an owner/operator resided in another state within the proceeding five years, provider shall request a check and obtain clearance information from that state's child abuse and neglect registry prior to the license being issued or if currently licensed, prior to the addition of a new board member who meets the definition of an owner. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect of a child shall be eligible to own, operate, or participate in the governance of a residential home.

a. If the provider requests an out-of-state state central registry check and that state advises that they are unable to process the request due to statutory limitations, documentation of such shall be kept on file.

5. Upon notification from child welfare that an owner/operator(s) is not listed on the state central registry, the provider shall maintain on file the child welfare notification that the owner's name does not appear on the registry with a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect.

6. A request for a state central registry clearance shall be submitted by provider for all owners/operators to child welfare every five years prior to the date noted on the state central registry clearance notification and at any time upon the request of DCFS if reasonable suspicion exists that an individual may be listed on the state central registry.

7. If the owner/operator receives a justified (valid) finding after receiving notification from child welfare that he was not listed on the state central registry and the owner/operator advises the provider prior to his/her appeal rights being exhausted, licensing shall be notified within 24 hours or no later than the next business day, whichever is shorter.

a. The owner/operator shall be directly supervised by a paid staff (employee) of the residential home and at any and all times when he/she is in the presence of a child/youth. The employee responsible for supervising the individual must not be a suspected perpetrator with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect.

b. Under no circumstances shall the owner/operator, with the justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect, be left alone and unsupervised with a child/youth pending the official determination from child welfare that the individual is or is not listed on the state central registry.

8. Upon notification to the provider from child welfare that the owner/operator is listed on the state central registry, the owner/operator shall no longer be eligible to own, operate, or participate in the governance of the residential home. The owner/operator may voluntarily withdraw the application for licensure or if he/she chooses not to withdraw the application, the application shall be immediately denied. If the individual with the justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect is a member of the residential home board, the provider shall submit a signed, dated statement to licensing within 24 hours or no later than the next business day indicating that the board member has resigned his position on the board or has been relieved of his position on the board with the effective date of the resignation/removal. Within seven calendar days, provider shall also submit to licensing documentation verifying that the individual's name has been removed from the Secretary of State's website if the CPA is owned/operated by a corporation. After receipt of the statement, the application for licensure may continue to be processed.

9. Any information received or knowledge acquired by a provider that a current owner is a perpetrator of abuse and/or neglect with a justified (valid) determination of abuse or neglect prior to receipt of official notification from child welfare, shall be immediately reported verbally to licensing management staff and followed up in writing no later than the close of business on the next business day. Prior to receipt of the official notification and immediately upon the knowledge that a justified (valid) finding has been issued by DCFS, the individual shall be directly supervised by a paid staff (employee) of the residential home, at any and all times when he/she is present on the premises and/or is in the presence of a child/youth. The employee responsible for supervising the individual must not be a suspected perpetrator with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect. Under no circumstances shall the individual with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect be left alone and unsupervised with a child/youth pending the official determination from child welfare that the individual is or is not listed on the state central registry.

10. State central registry clearances are not transferable from one owner to another.

B. State Central Registry Checks for Staff and Volunteers

1. Prior to employment, staff record shall contain a state central registry clearance form indicating that the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) person is not listed on the state central registry with a justified finding of child abuse and/or neglect.

a. Prior to May 1, 2019, all staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) were required to have on file a state central registry clearance form from child welfare noting that the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) person is not listed on the state central registry in accordance with R.S. 46:1414.1.

No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be eligible for employment in a licensed residential home.

b. Prior to May 1, 2019, all staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) were required to have on file a clearance from any other state's child abuse and neglect registry in which the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) person resided within the proceeding five years. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be eligible for employment in a licensed residential home.

c. In accordance with R.S. 46:1414.1, an inquiry of the state central registry for all staff (paid, non-paid and volunteers) shall be conducted prior to employment being offered to a potential hire. Staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) persons who have resided in another state within the proceeding five years, provider shall request a check and obtain state central registry clearance from that state's child abuse and neglect registry. Louisiana state central registry clearance forms shall be dated no earlier than 45 days prior to the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) being present on the premises or having access to children/youth. Other states state central registry clearance forms shall be dated no earlier than 120 days prior to the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) being present on the premises or having access to children/youth. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be eligible for employment in a licensed residential home.

i. If the provider requests an out-of-state state central registry check and that state advises that they are unable to process the request due to statutory limitations, documentation of such shall be kept on file.

d. Upon notification from child welfare that the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) is not listed on the state central registry, the provider shall maintain on file the state central registry clearance form noting that the staff's (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) name does not appear on the registry with a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect. A request shall be submitted to child welfare every five years for staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) prior to the issue date noted on the state central registry clearance form and at any time upon the request of DCFS if reasonable suspicion exists that a staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) may be listed on the state central registry.

e. If after the initial state central registry clearance form is received by provider from child welfare noting that the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) is not listed on the state central registry and due to a new valid finding, the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) receives a subsequent notice that he/she is listed on the state central registry (issued after the provider was licensed) and advises the provider of the new information prior to their appeal rights being exhausted, licensing shall be notified within 24 hours or no later than the next business day, whichever is shorter. The staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be directly supervised by another paid staff (employee) of the residential home, at any and all times when he/she is present on the premises and/or is in the presence of a child/youth. The employee responsible for supervising the individual shall not be suspected to be a perpetrator with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect. Under no circumstances shall the staff (paid,

non-paid, and volunteers) with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect be left alone and unsupervised with a child/youth pending the official determination from child welfare that the individual is or is not listed on the state central registry.

f. Upon notification to the provider from child welfare that the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) is listed on the state central registry, the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) shall no longer be eligible for employment with the residential home. The provider shall submit a signed, dated statement to licensing within 24 hours, but no later than the next business day indicating that the staff (paid, non-paid, and volunteers) with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect has been terminated. If this statement is not received by licensing within the aforementioned timeframe, the application shall be denied or license shall be immediately revoked.

g. Any information received or knowledge acquired by the provider that a current staff (paid, non-paid and volunteer) is a perpetrator of abuse and/or neglect with a justified (valid) determination of abuse or neglect prior to receipt of official notification from child welfare, shall be immediately reported verbally to licensing management staff and followed up in writing no later than the close of business on the next business day. Prior to receipt of the official notification and immediately upon the knowledge that a justified (valid) finding has been issued by DCFS, the individual shall be directly supervised by a paid staff (employee) of the residential home, at any and all times when he/she is present on the premises and/or is in the presence of a child/youth. The employee responsible for supervising the individual must not be suspected to be a perpetrator with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect. Under no circumstances shall the individual with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect be left alone and unsupervised with a child/youth pending the official determination from child welfare that the individual is or is not listed on the state central registry.

h. State central registry clearances are not transferable from one owner to another.

C. State Central Registry Checks for Contractors

1. Contractors who provide services to children/youth unaccompanied by paid staff or have access to children/youth unaccompanied by a paid staff shall have on file at the facility a state central registry clearance form which indicates that the contractor is not listed on any State Central registry with a valid finding of child abuse and/or neglect.

a. Prior to May 1, 2019, all contractors providing services to the residential home were required to have on file a state central registry clearance form from child welfare that the contractor is not listed on the state central registry in accordance with R.S. 46:1414.1. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be eligible for employment or provide services in a licensed residential home.

b. Prior to May 1, 2019, all contractors providing services to the residential home were required to have on file a clearance from any other state's child abuse and neglect registry in which the contractor resided within the preceding five years. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be eligible

for employment or provide services in a licensed residential home.

c. For individuals who have resided in another state within the preceding five years, provider shall request a check and obtain clearance information from that state's child abuse and neglect registry prior to providing services or having access to children/youth.

i. If the provider requests an out-of-state state central registry check and that state advises that they are unable to process the request due to statutory limitations, documentation of such shall be kept on file.

d. Louisiana state central registry clearance forms shall be dated no earlier than 45 days prior to the individual providing services or having access to children/youth. Other state's state central registry clearance information shall be dated no earlier than 120 days prior to the individual providing services or having access to children/youth. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be eligible for employment in a licensed residential home.

e. Upon notification from child welfare that the individual is not listed on the state central registry, the provider shall maintain on file the state central registry clearance indicating that the individual's name does not appear on the registry with a justified (valid) finding of abuse and/or neglect. No person who is recorded on any state's child abuse and neglect registry with a valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be eligible to provide services in a licensed residential home.

f. A request shall be submitted to child welfare every five years for contractors prior to the issue date noted on the state central registry clearance form and at any time upon the request of DCFS if reasonable suspicion exists that a staff may be listed on the state central registry.

g. If after the initial state central registry clearance form is received by provider from child welfare noting that the individual is not listed on the state central registry and due to a new valid finding, the contractor receives a subsequent notice that he/she is listed on the state central registry (issued after the provider was licensed) and advises the provider of the new information prior to their appeal rights being exhausted, licensing shall be notified within 24 hours or no later than the next business day, whichever is shorter. The individual with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect shall be directly supervised by a paid staff (employee) of the residential home at any and all times when he/she present on the premises and/or is in the presence of a child/youth. The employee responsible for supervising the individual must not be suspected to be a perpetrator with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect. Under no circumstances shall the individual with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect be left alone and unsupervised with a child/youth pending the official determination from child welfare that the individual is or is not listed on the state central registry.

h. Upon notification to the provider from child welfare that the contractor is listed on the state central registry, the individual shall no longer be eligible to provide services for the residential home. The provider shall submit a signed, dated statement to licensing within 24 hours or no later than the next business day indicating that the individual with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect has been relieved of his duties with the residential home with the

effective date of termination of services. If this statement is not received by licensing within the aforementioned timeframe, the license shall be immediately revoked.

i. Any information received or knowledge acquired by the provider that a current contractor is a perpetrator of abuse and/or neglect with a justified (valid) determination of abuse or neglect prior to receipt of official notification from child welfare, shall be immediately reported verbally to licensing management staff and followed up in writing no later than the close of business on the next business day. Prior to receipt of the official notification and immediately upon the knowledge that a justified (valid) finding has been issued by DCFS, the individual shall be directly supervised by a paid staff (employee) of the residential home, at any and all times when he/she is present on the premises and/or is in the presence of a child/youth,. The employee responsible for supervising the individual must not be suspected to be a perpetrator with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect. Under no circumstances shall the individual with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect be left alone and unsupervised with a child/youth pending the official determination from child welfare that the individual is or is not listed on the state central registry.

j. State central registry clearances are not transferable from one owner to another.

D. Reasonable Suspicion

1. Any information received or knowledge acquired by the provider that a current owner, contractor, volunteer and/or staff, is a perpetrator of abuse and/or neglect after October 1, 2018, with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect prior to receipt of official notification from Child Welfare, shall be verbally reported to Licensing management staff immediately and followed up in writing no later than the close of business on the next business day. Prior to receipt of the official notification and immediately upon the knowledge that a justified (valid) finding has been issued by DCFS, the individual shall be directly supervised by a paid staff (employee) of the maternity home, at any and all times when he/she is present on the premises and/or is in the presence of a child/youth. The employee responsible for supervising the individual shall not be suspected to be a perpetrator with a justified (valid) determination of abuse and/or neglect. Under no circumstances shall the individual with the valid (justified) finding of abuse and/or neglect be left alone and unsupervised with a child/youth pending the official determination from Child Welfare that the individual is or is not listed on the state central registry.

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