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When the DCF Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU) has completed a CPS-IAIU investigation, the IAIU may initiate a report/referral to the State Central Registry regarding the alleged perpetrator's own family, if the IAIU Investigator and his or her Supervisor have concerns about a child's care, well-being, and/or safety. SCR screens the call in accordance with screening policy, [CP&P-II-B-1-100](#), to determine if it warrants a CPS-Family report or a child welfare service (CWS) assessment. If so warranted, SCR documents the CPS or CWS intake and assigns it to the Local Office in whose catchment area the family resides.

If the IAIU Investigator has concerns during the investigation, he or she, or the Supervisor, contacts SCR immediately to initiate a CPS-Family report assignment to CP&P. See IAIU policy on "Dual Coding when Birth/Adopted Children Abused/Neglected", and "When Screening is Uncertain."

In addition to IAIU, SCR may receive such CPS-Family reports from, or as a result of:

- CP&P investigations of other allegations/families (in sexual abuse cases, the adult may have sexually abused another child in another family home);
- The court;
- The County Prosecutor, Medical Examiner, police, law enforcement.

CP&P intervenes to assess risk, sensitize the other parent (if there is one) to the present risk or potential risk to the child, and to provide or arrange appropriate services.