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## SHARING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

This FYI is a reminder that per [DCFS Policy](#) CSWs are required to share information with law enforcement to the extent permitted by law in all concurrent investigations.

When DCFS and law enforcement are both investigating the same child abuse referral, all information regarding the referral and the investigation shall be shared with law enforcement verbally and through documents by DCFS without first requiring that law enforcement complete the [LAJUV 010, Declaration in Support of Access to Juvenile Records](#).

The documents that may be exchanged between DCFS and law enforcement may include but are not limited to: Medical reports/documents, therapist reports, and DCFS referral or police reports that generated the child abuse referral. These documents and the information contained in them can be shared with law enforcement without the need for law enforcement to complete the LAJUV 010 prior to that sharing taking place.

Additional information that can be shared with law enforcement without the need for a LAJUV 010 include:

- The name and date of birth of the child(ren) taken into custody.
- The address of the child(ren)'s placement.
- The statements of parents.

CSW's should share this information in real time and should not wait to complete their investigation before sharing all information with law enforcement. DCFS may follow up with law enforcement after the information has been shared to have the LAJUV 010 completed at a later date to ensure the DCFS file is complete.



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