

Big Bend Community Based Care Policy & Procedure

Series: 100: Intake

Policy Name: Drug Endangerment Protocol

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Referenced Documents:

100-106 x 1, Florida Statewide Methamphetamine Guideline (Draft 10/06)

100-106 x 2, NW Florida Methamphetamine Protocol

Policy

It is the policy of Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. (BBCBC), to provide staff with the tools they need to efficiently and safely complete their case management tasks including specific procedures to be used by Case Management Organizations for their staff safety from contamination from Meth Labs.

Procedure

- A. BBCBC will use the Florida protocol for the response to Meth Labs encountered in the course of business.
- B. Case Managers or Family Support workers who discover evidence of a methamphetamine lab during the course of providing in-home services should immediately leave the scene without confronting the household members and report the incident to law enforcement for response. If children are present at the time of the discovery, Case Manager/Family Support worker will make efforts to move the children to the outside of the home only if this can be accomplished without escalating the situation.
- C. If children reside in the home, even if they are not present, a report must be made to the child abuse hotline (1-800-962-2873). When calling the hotline advise the hotline counselor that law enforcement has been notified, to ensure that the Child Protective Investigation responds immediately but know to coordinate with the responding officer.
- D. Decontamination of the of the family support worker or case manager should consist of wrapping themselves in a blanket or other personal protective gear such as another garment and latex gloves to prevent further contamination. Immediately get to a location where they can bathe from head to toe. As for clothing, it is up to the individual if they feel that the exposure was for a short enough period and the Meth production was active or inactive that a thorough washing in a machine would be adequate.
- E. Prior to the children coming into the care and custody of a family support worker, case manager, foster parent, etc., the child(ren) shall have been medically cleared and decontaminated by emergency personnel, fire department and/or medical personnel depending on the condition of the child(ren) and what the circumstances dictate.

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- F.** From date of removal follow-up appointments with the child's primary care provider needs to occur at one (1) month, six (6) months and one (1) year. This is to ensure that appropriate information is provided to the caregiver regarding the possible effects of Meth on children.
- G.** Children 3 years and younger are to be referred to Healthy Start.