



Exclusionary Criteria

1. **Physical Abuse** of a child
 - (i) to the head or torso of a child; or
 - (ii) that results in a bodily injury; or
 - (iii) with a disability;
2. **Domestic violence** involving a caretaker in situations in which the alleged perpetrator has access to the child or caretaker;
3. **Sexual abuse, sexual assault, or sexual exploitation**, including acts prohibited by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-318, 28-319.01, 28-320, 28-320.01, 28-320.02, 28-322.01, 28-322.02, 28-322.04, 28-322.05, 28-703, 28-707(d), and 28-367.01;
4. **Sex trafficking** of a child as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-830(14) and 28-831(3);
5. **Neglect of a minor child that results in serious bodily injury** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-109, requires hospitalization of the child, or results in an injury to the child that requires ongoing medical care, behavioral health care, or physical or occupational therapy, including a growth delay, which may be referred to as failure to thrive, that has been diagnosed by a physician and is due to parental neglect;
6. An allegation that requires a **forensic interview at a child advocacy center, coordination with Law Enforcement, or coordination with the child abuse and neglect investigation team** pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-728;
7. A household member allegedly caused the **death of a child**;
8. **Newborn whose urine or meconium tested positive for alcohol** and whose Caretaker (i) has an alcohol addiction; or (ii) previously delivered a drug-exposed infant and did not successfully complete drug treatment; or (iii) did not prepare for the newborn's birth; or (iv) currently uses controlled substances as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-401 or alcohol AND breastfeeds or expresses intent to breastfeed; or (v) has no in-home support system or alternative primary care arrangements;
9. Household member **uses or manufactures methamphetamine or other controlled substances** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-401 and 28-405;
10. A **pregnant woman who has tested positive for methamphetamine or other controlled substances** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-401 and 28-405;
11. A **child who has had contact with methamphetamine or other controlled substance** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-401 and 28-405 including a positive meconium or hair follicle screen or test;
12. A child resides with a household member whose **parental rights have been terminated or relinquished during a court-involved case**;
13. Abuse or neglect of a child who resides with (i) the subject of an active **Traditional Response**; or (ii) an individual or family that is **receiving services through the DCFS Protection and Safety**

section; or (iii) an individual or family who is **involved in a juvenile court petition** pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-247(3)(a);

14. **Out-of-home** child abuse or neglect;
15. A household member has a **prior court substantiated report of child abuse or neglect** OR is a **sex offender**;
16. A Household Member appears on the **central registry** of child protection cases under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-720;
17. A child under the age of two or at least two children under the age of five reside(s) with a household member where the **current maltreatment concerns are the same as prior maltreatment concerns**;
18. **Caretaker's identity or whereabouts are unknown**; Absence of a caretaker without having given an alternate caregiver authority to make decisions and grant consents for necessary care, treatment, and education of a child or without having made provision to be contracted to make such decisions or grant such consents;
19. Law enforcement has **cited** a Caretaker for the child abuse or neglect alleged in the Intake Accepted for Assessment;
20. An allegation **being investigated** by a law enforcement agency at the time of assignment;
21. A safety concern is otherwise identified which requires Department intervention within **24 hours**;
22. **Murder** in the first or second degree as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-303 or 28-304 or **manslaughter** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-305;
23. **Assault** in the first, second, or third degree or assault by **strangulation or suffocation** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-308, 28-309, 28-310, or 28-310.01;
24. **Labor trafficking** of a minor as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-830
25. For a report involving an infant, a household member **tests positive for methamphetamine or non-prescribed opioids at the birth of such infant.**

RED Team Criteria & Definitions:

1. A caretaker has a **significant mental health diagnosis** AND the reporting party is a physician, mental health or other health care provider;
2. A caretaker **exhibits symptoms related to significant mental illness** including but not limited to psychotic behaviors, delusional behaviors and danger to self or others;
3. Caretaker is identified as a **current or former state ward**;
4. The family has had another **Intake Accepted for Assessment within the past six months** AND includes two or more children under the age of five or one child under the age of two;
5. The family currently receives an **Alternative Response**;

6. Child abuse or neglect AND **alcohol or other mood altering substance** use by a Household member AND there are two or more children under the age of five or one child under the age of two;
7. **Physical abuse** that does not rise to the level of physical abuse identified in Exclusionary Criteria;
8. Household Member or alternate Caregiver noted on the Intake Accepted for Assessment has a **history of using or manufacturing methamphetamine or other controlled substances** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. 28-401 and 28-405;
9. **Domestic assault** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-323 or domestic violence in the family home;
10. A family member residing in the home or a caregiver that has been the **subject of a report accepted for traditional response or assigned to alternative response in the past six months**;
11. Use of alcohol or controlled substances as defined in section 28-401 or 28-405 by a caregiver that **impairs the caregiver's ability to care and provide safety for the child.**