



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2151.4221 [Recodified from R.C. 2151.4211] Memorandum of understanding purpose, content.

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(A) A memorandum of understanding shall do both of the following:

(1) Set forth the normal operating procedure to be employed by all concerned officials in the execution of their respective responsibilities under this section and division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, division (B) of section 2919.23, and section 2919.24 of the Revised Code;

(2) Have as two of its primary goals both of the following:

(a) The elimination of all unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of reports of child abuse or neglect;

(b) When feasible, providing for only one interview of a child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect.

(B) A memorandum of understanding shall include all of the following:

(1) The roles and responsibilities for handling emergency and nonemergency cases of abuse and neglect;

(2) Standards and procedures to be used in handling and coordinating investigations of reported cases of child abuse or neglect, methods to be used in interviewing the child who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or neglected, and standards and procedures addressing the categories of persons who may interview the child who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or neglected;

(3) If a public children services agency participated in the execution of a memorandum of



understanding under section 2151.426 of the Revised Code establishing a children's advocacy center, the agency shall incorporate the contents of that memorandum in the memorandum prepared pursuant to this section.

(4) After the effective date of this section, a statement that section 2151.423 of the Revised Code requires a public children services agency to disclose confidential information discovered during an investigation conducted pursuant to section 2151.421 or 2151.422 of the Revised Code to any federal, state, or local government entity that needs the information to carry out its responsibilities to protect children from abuse or neglect.

(5) After the effective date of this section, a description of the type of information that may be discovered during an investigation conducted pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code that a law enforcement agency may share with a public children services agency in order for the public children services agency to carry out its responsibilities to protect children from abuse or neglect.

(6) After the effective date of this section, a description of how the information described in divisions (B)(4) and (5) of this section is to be shared between a public children services agency and a law enforcement agency.

(7) After the effective date of this section, and subject to divisions (I) and (N) of section 2151.421 of the Revised Code, a description of information that may be obtained from an investigation under section 2151.421 of the Revised Code that a law enforcement agency and a public children services agency is permitted to, or prohibited from, disclosing to the public.