



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5101.64 Referring cases of abuse.

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(A) If a county department of job and family services knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the subject of a report made under section 5101.63 of the Revised Code or of an investigation conducted under section 5101.65 of the Revised Code is an individual with a developmental disability as defined in section 5126.01 of the Revised Code, the county department shall refer the case to the county board of developmental disabilities of that county for review pursuant to section 5126.31 of the Revised Code.

If a county board of developmental disabilities refers a case to the county department of job and family services in accordance with section 5126.31, the county department of job and family services shall proceed with the case in accordance with sections 5101.60 to 5101.71 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a county department of job and family services knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the subject of a report made under section 5101.63 of the Revised Code or of an investigation conducted under section 5101.65 of the Revised Code is a resident of a long-term care facility, as defined in section 173.14 of the Revised Code, the department shall refer the case to the office of the state long-term care ombudsman program for review pursuant to section 173.19 of the Revised Code.

If the state ombudsman or regional long-term care ombudsman program refers a case to the county department of job and family services in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to section 173.20 of the Revised Code, the county department shall proceed with the case in accordance with sections 5101.60 to 5101.71 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a county department of job and family services knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the subject of a report made under section 5101.63 of the Revised Code or of an investigation conducted under section 5101.65 of the Revised Code is a resident of a nursing home, as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code, and has allegedly been abused, neglected, or exploited by an employee of the nursing home, the department shall refer the case to the department of health for investigation pursuant to section 3721.031 of the Revised Code.



(D) If a county department of job and family services knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the subject of a report made under section 5101.63 of the Revised Code or of an investigation conducted under section 5101.65 of the Revised Code is a child, as defined in section 5153.01 of the Revised Code, the department shall refer the case to the public children services agency of that county.

(E) If a county department of job and family services knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the subject of a report made under section 5101.63 of the Revised Code or of an investigation conducted under section 5101.65 of the Revised Code is being or has been criminally exploited, the department shall notify a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area where the subject resides.

(F) A referral by the county department of job and family services of a case to another public regulatory agency or investigatory entity pursuant to this section shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by the department of job and family services.