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**OF INTEREST TO**

County Directors

Tribal Directors

Social Services Supervisors and  
StaffTribal Social Services  
Supervisors and Staff

County Attorneys

Tribal Attorneys

**ACTION/DUE DATE**Please read information and  
implement**EXPIRATION DATE**

January 8, 2020

## Minnesota's Best Practice Response to the Co-occurrence of Child Maltreatment and Domestic Violence

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**TOPIC**

Best practice protocols for responding to reports of the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment.

**PURPOSE**

Inform counties and tribes of best practices and provide direction for activities related to responding to reports involving the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and domestic violence.

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**TERMINOLOGY NOTICE**

The terminology used to describe people we serve has changed over time. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the use of "People First" language.

## Best Practice in the Co-occurrence of Child Maltreatment and Domestic Violence Response Path

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[Minnesota's Best Practice Response to the Co-occurrence of Child Maltreatment and Domestic Violence guidelines](#)

is for local social service agencies and tribes responsible for child protection assessment, investigation and case management. These guidelines are a resource supported and enlivened by reflective supervision, ongoing training, and service resources and funding on behalf of families who are experiencing the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and domestic violence.

These guidelines were developed in collaboration with a multi-disciplinary work group, who were committed to keeping children safe and enhancing family well-being.

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