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Building an evidence base for victim services

(Modified) Maltreatment Classification System

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Key References: Publications related to this instrument

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Primary Use/Purpose: This section describes what this instrument was designed to measure.

The purpose of this study was to examine the factors that lead Child Protective Services (CPS) to either substantiate or find a claim inconclusive. The study looks at the ways in which CPS workers interpret policies related to their decision making. This includes case, contextual, and risk factors that CPS workers identify during the course of an investigation.

Background and Development: How and why this instrument was developed.

This survey builds on research that was previously collected by English and Colleagues in 1998 on decision making by CPS. There were three phases of the study. The first phase looked at case records and reports from the Washington Case and Management Information System (CAMIS). Next, surveys were sent to CPS workers in Washington State. The third phase interviewed caregivers in families who had been investigated by CPS.

Psychometrics (if applicable): Any testing of this instrument.

For more information on the testing and validation of this instrument, see
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