

## Notification to CPAARS Form



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Informing of concern about abuse or neglect

***Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997 s13-16***

Please email to the Child Protection Advice and Referral Service –  
[cpaars@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:cpaars@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

For further enquiries Phone 1300 737 63 or Fax 03 62307821

### DETAILS OF THE NOTIFICATION:

Your name:

Your contact details:

Relationship with the child/ren of concern:

Name of your organisation/school:

Date and time of your notification:

### DETAILS OF THE CHILD/REN OR YOUNG PEOPLE OF CONCERN:

Please provide a list of the children's name, age, date of birth and sex

Home address:

Contact details:

Currently living with?

### DETAILS OF PARENTS AND PRIMARY CARER/S:

Mother's name and contact details:

Father's name and contact details:

Other carer's name and contact details:  
(please include relationship to child/ren)

### DETAILS OF SIGNIFICANT SERVICES AND EXTENDED FAMILY/FRIENDS:

### FAMILY PROFILE:

Do you know if any of the children or family members are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? – If yes please provide the names and details of any Aboriginal service organisation involved and the family member the organisation is supporting

Are you aware if a language other than English is spoken in the home? - If yes please provide the names and details including language type, preferred dialect and whether an interpreter might be required

Are you aware of any Family Court orders or custody access arrangements?

Are you aware of any information to alert our staff to possible risks when working with or visiting the family?

Are you aware if the child/ren has a disability? If so, what type? (communication / mobility / self care / interpersonal / learning / other)

Are you aware if the family has recently moved either regionally or from interstate? If so, where from?

**DETAILS OF THE NOTIFICATION:**

Please provide any relevant information, observations & opinions regarding the situation. The Risk Factor Warning List, which follows this text box, will provide useful prompts for identifying issues for subsequent risk assessment by CPAARS

## Tasmanian Risk Framework

### Risk Factor Warning List Matrix for Professional Notifiers

The following prompts about the circumstances surrounding a child or young person reflect evidence-based research into indicators of risk. It will be helpful for the initial risk assessment, which is conducted at CPAARS following a notification, if the extent of your knowledge of any of these aspects could be indicated through the use of this matrix. Please include this as part of your notification. Thank you very much.

Risk Factor	Knowledge	Belief or suspicion
<b>Child or young person</b>		
Child under 2 years		
Evidence of physical abuse/shaking		
Born drug dependent		
Difficulty feeding, sleeping, cries a lot		
Currently underweight		
Premature		
Chronically ill child		
Developmental or other disability		
History of multiple separation/placements		
No stable day program		
No effective guardian/homeless		
Mental health issue		
Recent significant behaviour change		
Violent behaviour		
Offending		
Sexual offending		
Unsafe or age-inappropriate sexual activity, including prostitution		
Substance abuse problems		
History of self harm/suicide (talk or attempt)		
<b>Opportunity for Harm</b>		
Alleged perpetrator has access to child		
Imminent exposure to harm		
No protective adult present		
Young person not self-protecting		
<b>Pattern and History</b>		
Any prior notifications		
Escalating concern or contact with child protection		
Other child removed, or died in parent(s)' care		
Carer(s) have physically abused any child (past/present)		
Carer(s) have a history of sexual assault of children		
Carer(s) have any history of violence		
<b>Parenting Factors</b>		
Carer under 20 at birth of first child		
Carer under 20 now		
Carer(s) abused as child (ren)		
Carer(s) have poor health		
Carer(s) have current mental health issues		
Carer(s) have history of mental health issues		

Carer(s) have self esteem issues, depression		
Carer(s) have history of alcohol/drugs use		
Carer(s) have intellectual disability		
Carer not the biological parent		
Carer(s) have current alcohol/drugs use		
Carer(s) is/has been victim of domestic violence		
Carer is/has been perpetrator of domestic violence		
Carer(s) have history of sexual assault of adults		
Carer(s) transient/homeless		
Current financial difficulties		
<b>Beliefs and Relationships</b>		
High criticism/low warmth family		
Carer(s) have poor understanding of needs of the infant/child		
Carer(s) use of excessive or inappropriate discipline		
Carer(s) describe or act toward child predominantly negatively		
Carer(s) failed to co-operate satisfactorily		
Carer views concerns less seriously than child protection		
Young person views concerns less seriously than child protection		
<b>Isolation or Supports</b>		
Family is socially isolated		
Young person is socially isolated		
Family is chaotic		
Family is severely fragmented		
Family have not engaged with offered services in past		
Young person has not engaged with offered services in past		