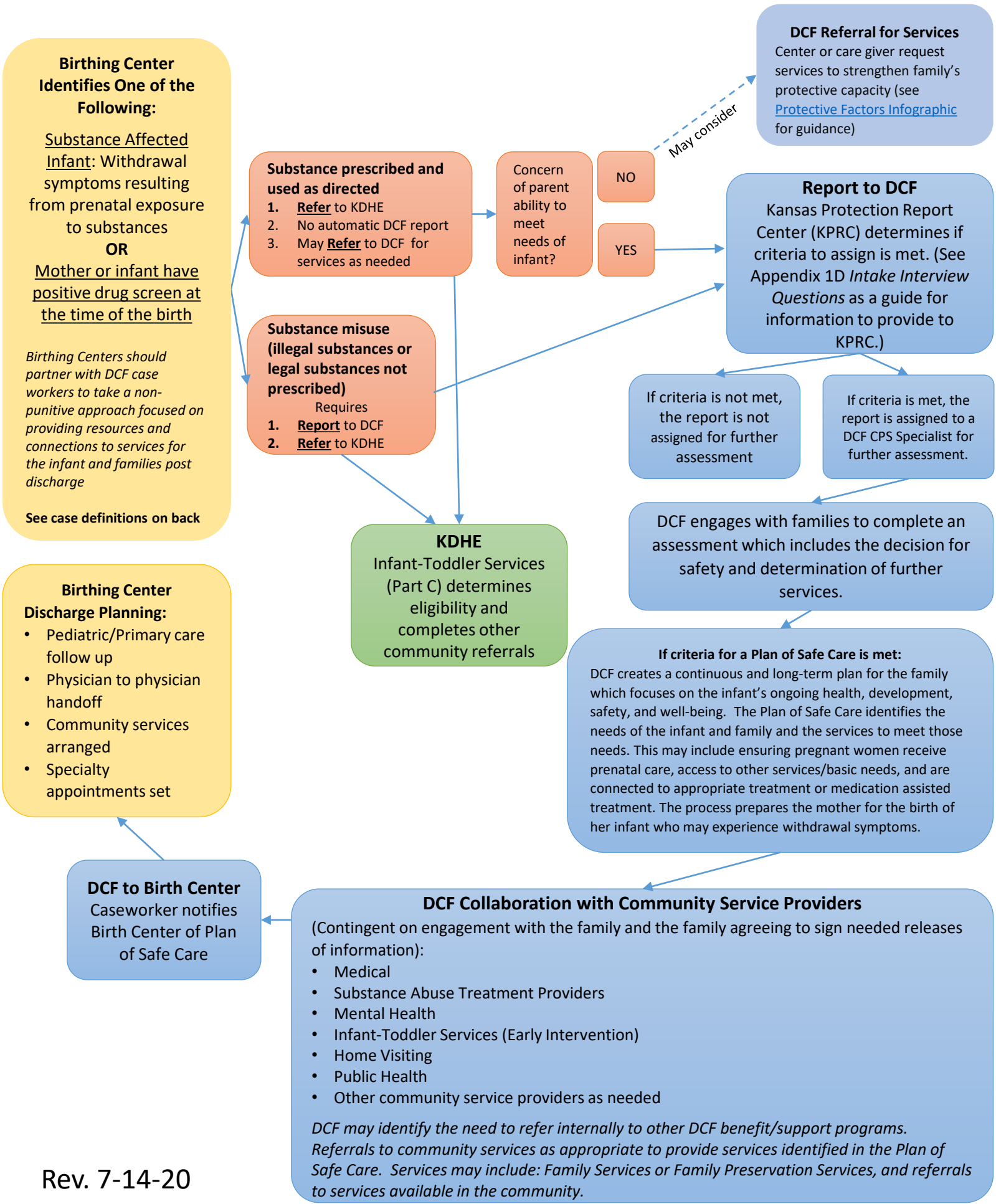


Guidance for communications between Birth Centers and the State of Kansas



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Infant-Toddler Services
(Also known as Part C, Early Intervention or tinyK)

Substance Affected Infant

Infant or toddler identified as affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure.

- Medication used as directed requires a referral to Infant-Toddler Services if the child experiences withdrawal
- If the infant is diagnosed with NAS (96.1), refer to Infant-Toddler Services
- If the infant is at risk for NAS, make a referral if there is a concern that the family needs support for child development

Infant Positive for Substances

Infant or toddler identified as affected by substance abuse.

- Infants with prenatal exposure to Methamphetamine, Cocaine, or other illicit substances should be referred to Infant-Toddler Services
- Infants with prenatal exposure to THC should be referred to Infant-Toddler Services if there is a concern that the family needs support for child development
- If the infant is at risk for NAS (Opioids), make a referral to Infant-Toddler Services if there is a concern that the family needs support for child development

Pregnant Woman Using Substances

Infant-Toddler Services does not provide prenatal services

Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)
Prevention and Protection Services Case Definitions

Neglect of a Substance Affected Infant:

Acts or omissions by a parent, guardian, or person responsible for the care of a child resulting in harm to a child, or presenting a likelihood of harm, and the acts or omissions are not due solely to the lack of financial means of the child's parents or other custodian. K.S.A. 38-2202. This term may include the following but shall not be limited to: failure of a parent, guardian, or person responsible for the care of a substance affected infant to use resources available to meet the needs of such infant (health and substance use disorder treatment, etc.). A substance affected infant is defined by K.A.R. 30-46-10 as the birth of an infant (birth to 1 year of age) who is identified as being affected by or having withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal exposure to a legal or illegal substance.

Infant Positive for Substances

An infant (birth to age 1) with a positive drug screen, and a medical professional has not determined the infant is substance affected, but there is an indication services may be needed.

Pregnant Woman Using Substances

Reports assigned by the department indicating a pregnant woman is using substances. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the level of services needed and make referrals as needed.

For a complete DCF list of factors and scenarios, see

Department for Children and Families, Prevention and Protection Services, July 2019 Policy and Procedure Manual, Appendix 1A. (<http://content.dcf.ks.gov/PPS/robohelp/PPMGenerate/>)