

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 1240-1-43
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

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- (1) Reserved for future use.
- (2) Federal Regulations and state law require that Family Assistance staff be alert to possible signs of neglect, abuse, or exploitation of the children we serve and to make referrals to law enforcement officials or DHS Social Services as appropriate.
- (3) The Family Assistance staff is to report and refer immediately to the Social Services Division any observations of neglect or abuse of children so that the Social Worker can provide any needed Protective Services. Examples of observable neglect are:
 - (a) A child is malnourished, ill-clad, dirty, or without proper shelter;
 - (b) A child is physically abused or cruelly treated;
 - (c) A child is without proper supervision and is left unattended or is allowed to wander about without parental direction;
 - (d) A child is overworked or exploited;
 - (e) A child is seriously ill and the parents neglect or refuse to provide the necessary medical care and treatment;
 - (f) A child is emotionally disturbed and his/her disturbance appears to be the result of physical, mental, or emotional incapacity of his parents or of other manifestations of family breakdown, such as severe marital conflict;
 - (g) A child is denied normal experiences that produce feelings of being loved, wanted, secure, and worthy.

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