

- (1) where the allegedly abused or neglected child lives; or
- (2) if different, where the abuse or neglect is alleged to have taken place.

[(n)](O) (1) "Neglect" means the leaving of a child unattended or other failure to give proper care and attention to a child by the child's parents, guardian, or custodian under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare is significantly harmed or placed at risk of significant harm.

(2) "Neglect" does not include, for that reason alone, providing a child with nonmedical religious remedial care and treatment recognized by State law.

[(o)](P) "Police officer" means any State or local officer who is authorized to make arrests as part of the officer's official duty.

~~(q) "Record" means the original or any copy of any documentary material, in any form, including a report of suspected child abuse or neglect, that is made by, received by, or received from the State, a county, or a municipal corporation in the State, or any subdivision or agency concerning a case of alleged child abuse or neglect.~~

~~(r) "Report" means an allegation of abuse or neglect, made or received under Title 5, Subtitle 7 of the Family Law Article.~~

~~(s) "Ruled out" means a finding that abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse did not occur.~~

(Q) "RECORD" MEANS THE ORIGINAL OR ANY COPY OF ANY DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL, IN ANY FORM, INCLUDING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, THAT IS MADE BY, RECEIVED BY, OR RECEIVED FROM THE STATE, A COUNTY, OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE, OR ANY SUBDIVISION OR AGENCY CONCERNING A CASE OF ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

(R) "REPORT" MEANS AN ALLEGATION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, MADE OR RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(S) "RULED OUT" MEANS A FINDING THAT ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR SEXUAL ABUSE DID NOT OCCUR.

[(p)](T) (1) "Sexual abuse" means any act that involves sexual molestation or exploitation of a child by a parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a child, or by any household or family member.

- (2) "Sexual abuse" includes:
 - (i) incest, rape, or sexual offense in any degree;
 - (ii) sodomy; and
 - (iii) unnatural or perverted sexual practices.

(U) "UNSUBSTANTIATED" MEANS A FINDING THAT THERE IS AN INSUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A FINDING OF INDICATED OR RULED OUT.