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**Protective service alert.**

- (A) A public children services agency (PCSA) ~~will~~shall issue a protective service alert (PSA) when the whereabouts of a child and their parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and if either of the following occurs:
- (1) The PCSA receives an abuse or neglect report, ~~the whereabouts of a child or his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown,~~ and the PCSA has reason to believe the child is in immediate danger of serious harm or:
  - (2) The PCSA determines that protective services are needed, ~~the whereabouts of the child or his or her parent, guardian, or custodian are unknown and the PCSA~~ has reason to believe the child remains at risk of abuse or neglect.
- (B) The PCSA ~~is to~~ shall issue a PSA in Ohio's comprehensive~~the statewide automated~~ child welfare information system (CCWIS)~~(SACWIS)~~ and specify whether the PSA is to be processed as an in-state or out-of-state alert.
- (C) The PCSA is to attempt to assess/investigate the concerns related to an active PSA upon receipt of updated contact information that may allow the ability to locate the family.
- ~~(C)~~(D) Upon receipt of the notification that a person has been located, the PCSA who has located a person ~~is to~~shall cancel the PSA in Ohio's CCWIS.
- ~~(D)~~ The PCSA ~~is to set the expiration date of the PSA at a minimum of one year from the creation date. The PSA will expire on the expiration date selected as long as the requirement for a minimum of one year is met.~~
- ~~(E)~~ A PSA ~~may be extended prior to the expiration date. A PSA extension will expire one year from the issue date.~~

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