

Critical Incident Response Team

Background Notes

The Critical Incident Response Team was voted into statute in 2007 for the purpose drawing out information for agency improvement when there is an incident or serious injury or death caused by abuse or neglect involving a child who has had contact with Oregon DHS. In each case, the CIRT process identifies what improvements can be made to DHS policies or practices and to make the report public information.

If a child dies as a result of abuse or neglect, while in state care, a CIRT team is convened within 24 hrs.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Read the rules entitled, "Critical Incident Response Teams (CIRT) And Discretionary Critical Incident Response Teams (DCIRT)": http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_17.pdf
- Read at least two reports from the CIRT website: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/child-abuse/Pages/cirt.aspx> [ull reports on the DHS](#)

Discoveries:

- *Who is included in a CIRT team?*
- *What were some of the improvements, changes errors noted in the reports you read.*
- *What did you learn, in talking with your Supervisor, about the challenge of dealing with abuse and neglect in care?*