

Reports of Child Abuse Involving Other States – Jurisdiction Desk Aid

Child's Residence State at Time of Intake	Child's Current Location	Perp's State of Residency ¹	Child's State of Residency at time of abuse	Location of Abuse	Steps	Example Scenarios Relevant Legal Code/Cases
Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Regular Process, Iowa Accepts	Child lives in Iowa with mother and is abused during a visit at father's home, also in Iowa. IA Code 232.71B
Iowa	Iowa	Another State	Iowa	Iowa	Regular Process, Iowa Accepts	Child lives in Iowa. Uncle visiting from Florida babysits and sexually abuses the child. IA Code 232.71B
Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Another Country or State	Regular Process, Iowa Accepts	Iowa child is abused by Iowa stepfather while on family vacation in another country. Doe vs DHS No. 16-0664 (May 2017)
Another State	Another State	Another State	Iowa	Iowa	Consult with other state, if they are not assessing, Iowa Accepts ³ .	Child and father now live in Florida. Child discloses in Florida that abuse occurred in Iowa. IA Code 232.71B
Iowa	Here or another state	Another State	Iowa	Another State	Regular Process, Iowa Accepts CPW Requests a Courtesy from the Alleged Perpetrator's State of Residency	Iowa child visits caregiver in South Dakota for the weekend and is abused there. Stagg v DHS, IAC 441—175.35(1)
Iowa	Iowa	Another State	Another state	Another State	Contact Other State, if other state rejects, Iowa Accepts	Child was abused in Pennsylvania while residing there but has since moved to Iowa. Stagg v DHS
Another State	Iowa	Iowa	Another State	Iowa	Assure safety. ² Contact Residency State, if they reject, Iowa Accepts. If the other state accepts, offer courtesy interview(s).	Florida child abused by Iowa father during a visit to Iowa. OR, Illinois child placed in Iowa and is abused by a perp in Iowa. IA Code 235A.15(6)(a)

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Another State	Iowa	Iowa	Another State	Another State	Assure safety. ² Contact Residency State, if they reject, Iowa Accepts. If the other state accepts, offer courtesy interview(s).	Florida child is abused by Iowa father on the way back from Florida. IA Code 235A.15(6)(a)
Another State	Iowa	Another State	Another State	Iowa	Assure safety. ² Contact Residency State, if they reject, Iowa Accepts. If the other state accepts, offer courtesy interview(s).	Florida child is abused by Florida father while driving through Iowa. IA Code 235A.15(6)(a)
Another State	Iowa	Another State	Another State	Another State	Assure safety. ² Contact Other State, if they reject, Iowa Accepts. If the other state accepts, offer courtesy interviews.	Florida child abused by an out-of-state caretaker in another state and discloses while visiting in Iowa. IA Code 235A.15(6)(a)
Another State	Another State	Iowa	Another State	Iowa	Contact Residency State (offer courtesy). If they reject, Iowa Accepts.	Florida child visits Iowa father, is abused in Iowa, and discloses in Florida. IA Code 235A.15(6)(b)
Another State	Another State	Iowa	Another State	Another State	Contact Residency State (offer courtesy). If they reject, Iowa Accepts	Iowa father visits Florida child. Child abused in Florida. Father is back in Iowa when child reports in Florida. IA Code 235A.15(6)(b)
Another State	Another State	Another State	Another State	Another State	Refer to Residency State and Appropriate Law Enforcement agency. Iowa Rejects	Child and father reside in Florida; abuse occurred there.

¹Residency is not required to initiate a child abuse assessment, but it helps determine how the report is handled.

²Assuring the child is not in imminent danger and that either Iowa or the other state will conduct an appropriate assessment.

³If the abuse occurred in Iowa and both the victim and perpetrator were present at the time, this satisfies due process requirements for minimum contacts.