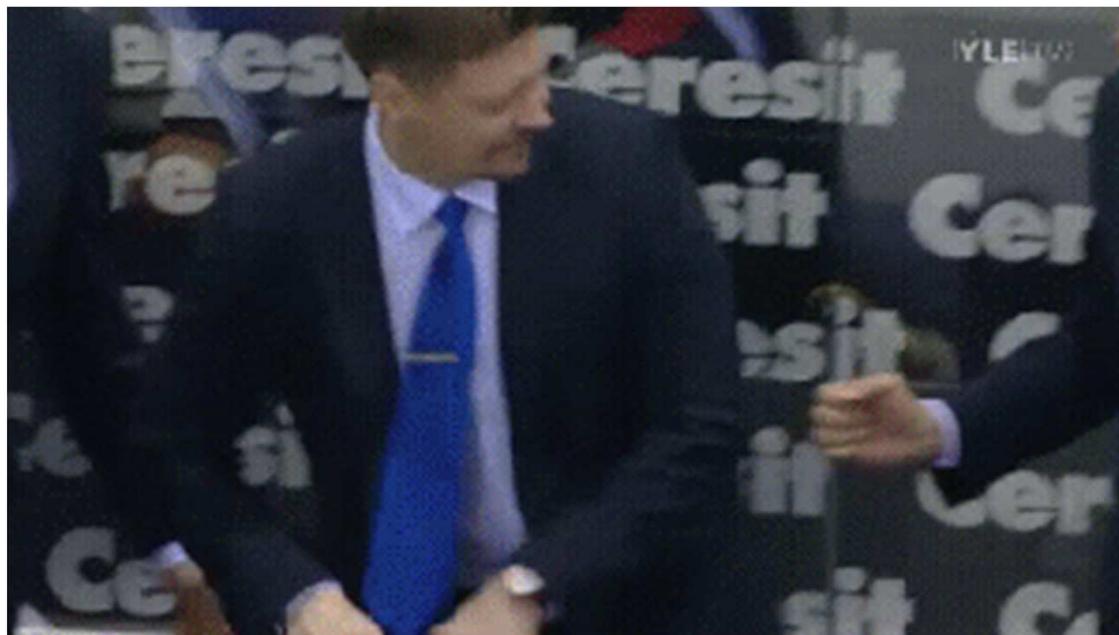


Speaking DHS/BMCW

Translating Social Work Language for TPR & CHIPS clients





HOW A CALL BECOMES A CASE



Child Protective Services Access

- Gateway into the Child Protection System.
- Employees employed by the State of Wisconsin, not county.
- Person calls in to report that they suspect abuse and/or neglect of a child.
- May be a mandatory reporter required to report under Wis. Stat. § 48.981, but does not have to be.
- Report is then screened based on the totality of the circumstances to determine if there is reason to believe that a child under age 18 is being abused, neglected or there is reason to believe may be the victim of abuse or neglect.
- Screening decision is the formal decision of whether or not to proceed to assess the family.

Screening Decisions by Access

Screened Out Decision

- Not a kid
- Not enough information to identify and locate the child or family
- Information, even if true, is not abuse or neglect
- No further assessment into the allegations need to occur.
- Required to let the reporter know that it was screened-out.

Screened In Decisions

- Must be to a kid
- Must be able to identify or locate the child and family.
- Allege reason to believe abuse/neglect has occurred.
- Allege that child is threatened with abuse/neglect.
- Injuries that a reasonable person could conclude are from abuse/neglect.
- Then assigned to an initial assessment worker.

Once a report is screened in— Response Times

- Immediate/Same Day Response
 - Present danger threat to child safety
 - Must make face-to-face contact with child/parent on the same day. Often requires law enforcement assistance or involvement.
- 24-48 hour response
 - Presence of impending danger threats to child safety.
 - Face-to-Face contact required by end of the day following the report.
- 5 business day response
 - No present or impending danger threats to child safety.

Goals/Decisions of an IASW assessment

- Maltreatment determination.
 - If Maltreatment has occurred, determination of who the maltreater is.
- Assess for safety of the kids in the home
 - Are there present danger threats?
 - Are there impending danger threats?
 - If there are present or impending danger threats, can a plan be implemented to control for those dangers in the home?

Initial Assessment Decisions

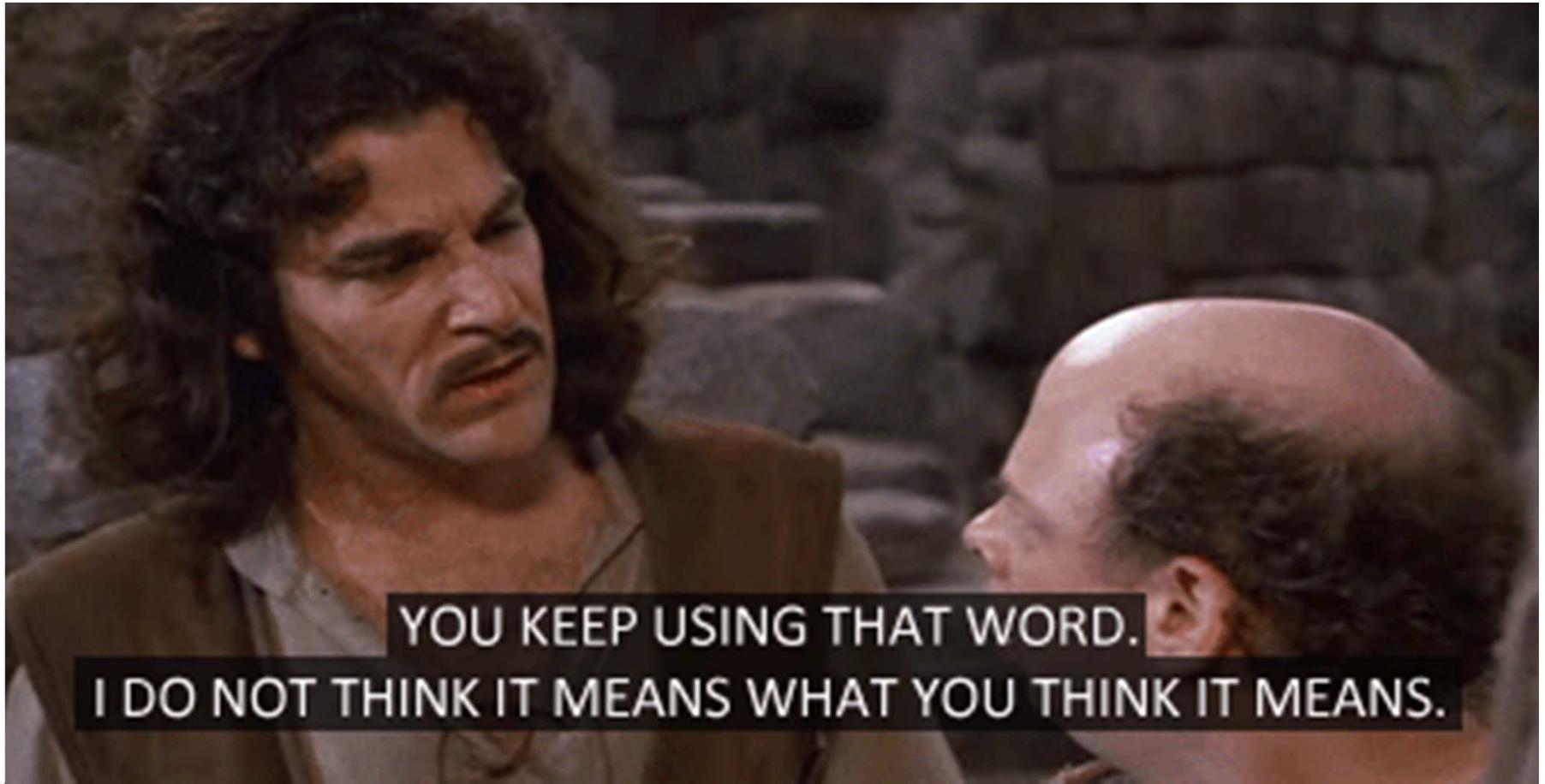
Substantiated

The information gathered during the CPS Initial Assessment provides a preponderance of evidence (that is, the proof shows that the fact sought to be proved is more probable than not) that the maltreatment allegation made in the CPS report or identified during a CPS initial assessment has occurred. If there is sufficient information, a known maltreater is substantiated for the maltreatment; however, an allegation can also be substantiated when the maltreater is unknown or not identified

Unsubstantiated

- ➔ Can include not being able to locate the sources of information and/or subjects of the report

If present danger or impending danger are present, initial assessment worker must determine if the children can be safe in home or if they can only be kept safe outside of the home. Also must determine if it is necessary for formal court involvement.



YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD.
I DO NOT THINK IT MEANS WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS.



The Language of CPS/DHS/BMCW



Commonly used words in TPR/CHIPS cases

- CPS
- CHIPS
- TPR
- TPC
- Best Interest of the Child
- ICPC, ICJ, UCCJEA
- ICWA/WICWA
- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) score
- Reality-based discussions with clients
- Reasonable Efforts
- Active efforts
- Protective Capacities
- Behavioral Change v. Service Completion
- Safety Plans
- Permanency planning and determinations
- Concurrent planning
- Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (OPPLA)

What other words/terms do you want
to know about????



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Department of Children and Families Website
 - Standards for CPS Safety, Initial Assessment, and Ongoing Case Management

- ABA Section on Children and the Law—Parent Representation Group & listserv

- Children’s Court Improvement Project
 - Training Videos: <http://www.wiccuptraining.com/>
 - Other resources posted on their website.

- State Bar Children and the Law Section and it’s listserv

- Administration for Children and Families—www.acf.hhs.gov