

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

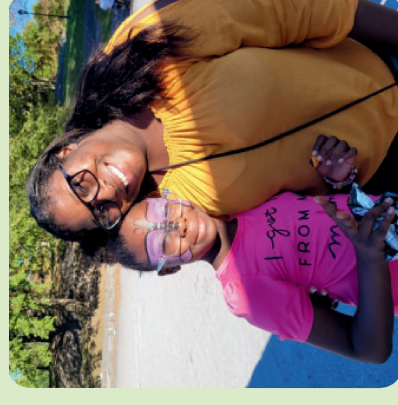
What is the SCR?

The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) enters the results of all child protective services investigations into the State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). The SCR is a state record of ACS investigations. The SCR accepts calls from both mandated reporters (providers of social services, childcare, education, health care, and law enforcement) and the general public. ANYONE can call the SCR and allege that a child has been abused or maltreated.

What happens if someone reports me to the SCR?

After a call is made, an SCR report is registered, which starts a 60-day investigation by ACS. There are two possible outcomes from an investigation: indicated (fair preponderance of the evidence that a child was abused or maltreated) or unfounded.

If you received a letter telling you that ACS indicated their investigation of you, or would like to confirm the outcome of the investigation, our team may be able to help you file an appeal to amend or seal your record in the SCR.



Can an indicated SCR report prevent me from getting certain jobs?

Yes. An indicated report or investigation in the register can prevent parents and caretakers from being hired for certain jobs working with children, disabled adults, the elderly, in the medical field, or becoming a foster or adoptive parent.

What are other impacts of an indicated SCR report?

An indicated SCR report significantly limits opportunities to be a foster or adoptive parent. ACS also surveils families more harshly if they have multiple indicated reports.

How long does an SCR report remain on record?

Unfounded reports remain in a parent's SCR record for 10 years before being automatically removed from the record. Meanwhile, all indicated reports remain on the register until the youngest child living in your home turns 28. Cases indicated for maltreatment will get automatically sealed after 8 years. Cases indicated for abuse do not get sealed before the youngest child turns 28.

After you contact us, we will get more information about your case and determine if we are able to work with you. If we are able to work with you, our State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment Appeal Unit will explain the full appeal process.



Our services are free, confidential, and available to anyone in New York City.

Please email SCRHelp@cfny.org for more information.

