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**Purpose**

This unit standard is for those people whose activities bring them into contact with children, or who have a responsibility to respond to children who have been abused and/or are at risk of abuse.

This unit standard is not designed for people seeking qualifications as professional social service workers.

People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: child abuse; the risk factors related to child abuse; and the indicators of child abuse.

**Classification**

Social Services > Social Service Work with Abuse, Neglect, and Violence

**Available grade**

Achieved

**Guidance Information**

1. Legislation that is relevant to this unit standard includes:

   - Oranga Tamariki Act 1989;
   - Crimes Act 1961;
   - Family Violence Act 2018;
   - Family Proceedings Act 1980;
   - Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001;
   - Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992;
   - Human Rights Act 1993;
   - Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992;
   - Official Information Act 1982;
   - Privacy Act 1993;
   - Smoke-free Environments Act 1990;
   - Children’s Act 2014;

2. Resources

Definition

*Cultural practices* refer to the ‘ways of living’ which are associated with a particular culture or sub-culture including ethnic, religious or group affiliation. Cultural practices influence the behaviour of members of the culture and sub-culture and may relate to a range of things including diet, dress, family arrangements, power relationships, leadership and status.

Outcomes and performance criteria

**Outcome 1**

Describe child abuse.

**Performance criteria**

1.1 Child abuse is described in terms of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC), and WHO.

1.2 Different categories of child abuse are described in terms of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.

1.3 Attitudes to child abuse are described in terms of how they have changed over time.

Range evidence is required of three attitudes.

1.4 Legislation relevant to the area of child abuse is described in terms of its main purpose.

Range evidence is required of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989; the Crimes Act 1961; the Children’s Act 2014 and a minimum of one other.

**Outcome 2**

Describe factors which make a child vulnerable to abuse.

**Performance criteria**

2.1 Risk factors associated with child abuse are described in terms of how they increase a child’s vulnerability to abuse.

Range evidence is required of three risk factors.
2.2 The potential relationship between cultural practices and child abuse is described in terms of how they can increase a child’s vulnerability to abuse.

2.3 Attributing factors of children are described in terms of how they can make a child vulnerable to abuse.

Range evidence is required of three attributing factors.

2.4 Attributing factors of caregivers are described in terms of how they can make a child vulnerable to abuse.

Range evidence is required of three attributing factors.

Outcome 3

Describe indicators of child abuse.

Performance criteria

3.1 The indicators of child abuse are described.

Range child abuse includes – physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect; evidence is required of a minimum of three indicators for each category and three indicators common to all categories.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference 0024

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Comments on this unit standard

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