

Senate Bill 819: Critical Incident Response Teams

The primary purpose of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) process is to rapidly draw lessons for the improvement of agency actions when there is a serious injury or death – caused by abuse or neglect – of a child who has had contact with the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Senate Bill 819 expanded CIRT parameters to include cases where DHS has had involvement with the child, the child's sibling, or any other child living in the household within 12 months preceding the CIRT.

In addition, SB 819 clarified timelines, and the duties and responsibilities of Critical Incident Response Teams.

Update:

- Temporary CIRT rule became effective September 18, 2017
 - Revisions to the temporary rule will be filed by the end of November 2017 to address inconsistencies in Department definitions and to clarify the CIRT process
- Draft proposed rules to address the changes required by SB 819 will be filed in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for public comment in late December or early January
 - Rulemaking hearing will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018
- The Department is in the beginning stages of developing protocol and administrative rules for discretionary CIRTs

CIRT reports can be found on the CIRT web page:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/child-abuse/Pages/cirt.aspx>