

Overview: Review of 100 randomly selected assessments completed during the 2023 calendar year throughout the state of Colorado.

Who called?

90% mandatory reporters, 10% other

- Other: 3 parents (3%)
 - 1 parent calling in concerns for sexual abuse between siblings
 - 2 separated parents calling in on each other, questionable/exaggerated reports
- 3 anonymous (3%)
 - 1 roommate (good faith), 1 relative (good faith), 1 unknown (questionable)
- 2 relatives (2%)
- 2 landlords (2%)

Their concerns or someone else's?

Out of the 90 calls from mandatory reporters, one call was hearsay, or information from one parent that was not observed by the mandatory reporter. The closure summary indicates that this information was exaggerated by the parent in order to instigate a child protection assessment.

Is a current or previous custody dispute mentioned in the call?

- 95% no custody dispute mentioned
- 5% custody dispute mentioned
 - 2% custody dispute mentioned, but was not at all related to concerns being reported
 - 3% current custody dispute relevant to the call

Caller's intentions?

- 96% of calls appeared to have been made in good faith
- 4% (4 calls) appeared to be exaggerated/questionable
 - 1 anonymous call
 - 2 calls from parents
 - 1 call from a mandatory reporter reporting what a parent told them
- No calls appeared to be completely false or baseless

Number of previous reports?

- Of the questionable calls:
 - Between 1 and 13 prior reports, between 0 and 8 past assessments
- Of the 2 parent reporters:
 - 13 prior reports, 3 assessments
 - 2 prior reports, 0 assessments

Outcome of questionable parent reports:

All closed at intake with no further intervention. Custody issues and areas that may have been exaggerated but not observed or corroborated by caseworkers were noted. None of the calls that included custody issues resulted in longer-term child welfare involvement.