

JUVENILE COURT
POLICY/PROCEDURE

**DESIGNATION OF INTAKE AND OTHER HUMAN SERVICES
CHAPTER 48 – Children In Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS)**

POLICY

Staff assigned by the Department of Human Services to provide Child Protective Service Intake functions are, in addition to performing other duties required under Chapter 48, recognized by the Court as the intake staff to provide services pursuant to §48.067 and for the purpose of taking a child/juvenile into custody if necessary under §48.08.

Staff assigned by the Department of Human Services to provide Child Protective dispositional functions are recognized by the Court to have the powers and duties outlined in §48.069.

The Department of Human Services may organizationally divide workers into Intake and "on-going"/dispositional units in order to accomplish the objectives of Chapter 48. This policy does not preclude staff from one unit performing duties of the other unit depending on the needs of the child/family and the Department. For example, a worker providing dispositional services may, at the discretion of the Department, also act as an intake worker under authorizing statutes or vice versa.