

Child protection notification—relationship to child of person believed responsible for abuse or neglect, code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship to child of person believed responsible for abuse or neglect
METEOR identifier:	457740
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The person who is believed responsible for the abuse, neglect or harm to the child, (which has been substantiated in the child protection notification), or the person most likely to have put the child at risk, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—relationship to child of person believed responsible for abuse or neglect
Value Domain:	Child relationship code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	NN	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Natural parent
	2	Step-parent
	3	Parent's de facto
	4	Sibling
	5	Other relative/kin
	6	Foster parent
	7	Residential-based carer
	8	Other person with duty of care responsibility
	9	Other child
	10	Friend/neighbour
	11	Stranger
	88	Other
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Natural parent**

Any male or female who is the biological or adoptive parent of the child.

CODE 2 Step-parent

Any person who is not the biological or adoptive parent of the child but is in a legal marriage relationship to one of the child's natural parents.

CODE 3 Parent's de facto

Any male or female who is not the biological or adoptive parent of the child and who is a de facto marital partner of the child's natural parent.

CODE 4 Sibling

A biological, adopted, foster, step or half-brother or sister.

CODE 5 Other relative/kin

Includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, whether the relationship is a full, half or a step relationship. It also includes members of Indigenous communities who are accepted by that community as being related to the child but who are not the child's biological parents.

CODE 6 Foster parent

Person who has duty of care responsibility for the child and the care is authorised and carers are reimbursed (or who have been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state or territory and supported by an approved agency.

CODE 7 Residential-based carer

Any worker in a residential care facility.

CODE 8 Other person with duty of care responsibility

Any person with duty-of-care responsibilities who does not fit into any of the above categories. Includes teachers, child care workers, family day care providers etc).

CODE 9 Other child

Any person under 18 years, other than a sibling, relative or kin.

CODE 10 Friend/neighbour

An unrelated person or acquaintance who is known to the family, or who lives in close proximity to the child who is the subject of abuse or neglect or harm, or to his or her family.

CODE 11 Stranger

A person who is unknown to the child or the child's family.

CODE 88 Other

Any person whose relationship to the child is known but not classified above.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This category includes all substantiations where the relationship to the child of the person believed responsible for the abuse or neglect was not specified.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: This data element should be recorded at the time of the substantiation of the investigation.

Where there is more than one person believed responsible for the abuse, neglect or harm, the person believed responsible is recorded as the person believed to have inflicted the most severe abuse or neglect, or most likely to have harmed the child or to have put the child at risk. Where it is not possible to identify the person believed responsible in this way, the person is identified as the one who inflicted the most obvious form of abuse, neglect or harm.

Where a child has more than one substantiation throughout the year, the person believed responsible should be recorded for each substantiation.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Performance and Data Working Group

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2010. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual for the 2010 pilot collection. AIHW: Canberra.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) DSS Pilot 2010 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011