

# Substantiation (child protection)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 459746

**Registration status:** [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 27/10/2011

**Definition:** An investigation is classified as 'substantiated' where there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has been, is being, or is likely to be abused or neglected or otherwise harmed. Substantiation does not necessarily require sufficient evidence for a successful prosecution and does not imply that treatment or case management was, or is to be, provided.

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** AIHW 2011. Child protection Australia 2009-10. Child welfare series no. 51. Cat. no. CWS 39. Canberra: AIHW.

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:** [Child—substantiation whilst in care indicator](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 29/09/2011

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