Pertinent Legislation/Policy References:
- CAPTA Public Law 114-198
- Code of VA Section 63.2-1503I
- Code of VA Section 63.2-1509B
- Code of VA Section 63.2-1506A(4); C
- VDSS Broadcast #10871

Acronyms:
FASD: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
HCP: Health Care Professional

1 According to the VDSS Child and Family Services Manual 10.3.1.1 (2017), the term “affected by” may be evidenced by impaired growth, pre-term labor or subtle neurodevelopmental signs that are more difficult to define in the newborn and infancy stages. An alcohol or other drug affected infant is one in which there is detectable physical, developmental, cognitive or emotional delay or actual harm that is associated with parental substance use. The LDSS should collect and document how the child is affected by parental substance abuse.
Did the HCP report the infant has a positive toxicology test result?

Yes

Does the reporter have concerns that substance use may have a demonstrated impact on either parent’s ability to care for the infant?*

Yes

Screen in for physical neglect

No

Review of CW agency records indicate a pattern of active substance abuse or services needed which align with allegations?

Yes

Consider all factors and input from hospital staff, health assessment information, BHA & agency records. There may be situations when the report is not accepted for a CPS assessment due to lack of pertinent information obtained at Intake.

No

SCREEN OUT
(Consider referring screened out reports to prevention response and/or another community partner where appropriate)

* During the evaluation, consider the following:

- Was the mother prescribed medication during labor & delivery?
- Are there concerns about the inappropriate use of prescribed medication(s)?
- If the mother has been prescribed medication, are the results of the infant’s toxicology test consistent with the mother’s prescribed medication?
- Were the infant’s toxicology results positive for a non-prescribed medication for the mother?
- Were the infant’s toxicology results positive for illegal substances?

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CW: Child Welfare
HCP: Health Care Professional