



GEORGIA MALTREATMENT CODES

CE4	Prenatal Abuse	<p>Prenatal exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled substance which results in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symptoms of withdrawal in a newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolite thereof in a newborn's body, blood, urine, or meconium that is not the result of medical treatment; or 2. Medically diagnosed and harmful effects in a newborn's physical appearance or functioning.
RH1	Imminent Risk of Serious Harm	<p>An act or failure to act by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a child that presents an imminent risk of serious harm to the child's physical, mental, or emotional health.</p> <p>Examples include but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A parent with an active foster care case gives birth to a new child. 2. A registered sex offender or person substantiated for sexually abusing a child resides in the home or is spending unsupervised time with a child. 3. Services were not offered or successfully completed in a previous case when the caregiver had a child removed from his/her care due to child abuse and there is now a child in the home (i.e., foster care, custody to third party, temporary guardianship). 4. A maltreating caregiver voluntarily removed himself/herself from a caregiving role to avoid removal of the child from his/her care and service provision (i.e., moved out, unable to locate) and there is now a child in the home. 5. A child death, near fatality, or serious injury (CDNFSI) occurred and DFCS history indicates the caregiver was responsible for the CDNFSI and either services were not provided or not successfully completed, and a child is in the home. 6. Transporting a child in a motor vehicle while under the influence of a substance (alcohol, drug, glue, aerosol, or other toxic vapor; etc.) to the extent that it is unsafe to drive.

<p>LS1</p>	<p>Labor Trafficking (Labor Servitude)</p>	<p>Work or service of economic or financial value which is performed or provided by another individual and is induced or obtained by coercion or deception.</p> <p>Coercion means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Causing or threatening to cause bodily harm to any individual, physically restraining or confining any individual, or threatening to physically restrain or confine any individual; 2. Exposing or threatening to expose any fact or information or disseminating or threatening to disseminate any fact or information that would tend to subject an individual to criminal or immigration proceedings, hatred, contempt, or ridicule; 3. Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or possessing any actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of any individual; 4. Providing a controlled substance to such individual for the purpose of compelling such individual to engage in labor or sexual servitude against his or her will; or 5. Causing or threatening to cause financial harm to any individual or using financial control over any individual. <p>Deception means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating or confirming another's impression of an existing fact or past event which is false and which the accused knows or believes to be false; 2. Maintaining the status or condition of an individual arising from a pledge by such individual of his or her personal services as security for a debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined, or preventing an individual from acquiring information pertinent to the disposition of such debt; or 3. Promising benefits or the performance of services which the accused does not intend to deliver or perform or knows will not be delivered or performed. Evidence of failure to deliver benefits or perform services standing alone shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this Code section. <p>EXCEPTION: Reports alleging labor trafficking does not require the alleged maltreater to be a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of the child.</p>
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EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Acts or omissions by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a child that cause any mental injury to such child's intellectual or psychological capacity as evidenced by an observable and significant impairment in such child's ability to function within a child's normal range of performance and behavior or that create a substantial risk of impairment.

E1	Verbal Threats	Chronic or persistent use of verbal threats of serious harm or death, derogatory or demeaning phrases, unrealistic demands, etc.
E2	Bizarre Punishment	<p>Punishment that includes inflicting or subjecting a child to intense physical or mental pain, suffering, or agony that is repetitive, prolonged, or severe.</p> <p>Bizarre punishment also includes confinement, torture and inappropriate and/or excessive use of restraints or Isolation. Example: Locking children in dark spaces for extended periods, excessive physical activity demands and forcing the child to perform humiliating and demeaning tasks are examples.</p>
E3	Domestic Violence (Intimate Partner Violence) Exposure	<p>Exposure to domestic violence (DV), also referred to as Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), are patterns of abusive behavior that adults use against their intimate partner, that are witnessed or perceived by the child. The witnessing of DV/IPV can be auditory, visual, or inferred, including cases in which the child perceives the aftermath of violence, such as physical injuries to family members or damage to property. Common abusive behaviors that adults use against their intimate partners are”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolation 2. Physical violence 3. Sexual violence 4. Emotional abuse 5. Economic abuse 6. Intimidation 7. Stalking 8. Reproductive coercion

		<p>DV/IPV can occur between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents, and adult children, same sex relationships, etc.</p> <p>Examples of behavioral, psychological, or cognitive changes a child may exhibit that may result from witnessing DV/IPV include, but are not limited to: generalized anxiety, sleeplessness nightmares, difficulty concentrating, increased aggression, intense worry about their safety or the safety of a parent, physical health problems, behavior problems, emotional difficulties, depression, PTSD, poor school performance due to an impaired ability to concentrate; and/or lower scores on measures of verbal, motor, and social skills.</p>
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E4	Psychological	<p>Creating a toxic environment or negative social conditions. Examples:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People or pets are murdered and tortured in front of the child 2. Severe lack of engagement or stimulation 3. Extreme rejection from the family 4. A parent making an older child wear a diaper and drink from a bottle (act like a baby) after bedwetting 5. A child is isolated in a household, closed in his room with only a mattress, windows painted and sealed shut, not allowed to exit the room except to use the restroom. 6. Parent ridicules a child's sexual orientation or physical anatomy (including any anomaly) privately or publicly.
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NEGLECT

1. The failure to provide proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for a child's physical, mental, or emotional health or morals by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a child;
2. The failure to provide a child with adequate supervision necessary for such child's well-being by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a child; or
3. The abandonment of a child by his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
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N2	Abandonment	<p>Any conduct on the part of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian showing an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims. Intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims may be evidenced by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failure, for a period of at least six months, to communicate meaningfully with a child 2. Failure, for a period of at least six months, to maintain regular visitation with a child 3. Leaving a child with another person without provision for his or her support for a period of at least six months 4. Failure, for a period of at least six months, to participate in any court ordered plan or program designed to reunite a child with his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian 5. Leaving a child without affording means of identifying such child or his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The identity of such child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian cannot be ascertained despite diligent searching; and b. A parent, guardian, or legal custodian has not come forward to claim such child within three months following the finding of such child 6. Being absent from the home of his or her child for a period of time that creates a substantial risk of serious harm to a child left in the home 7. Failure to respond, for a period of at least six months, to notice of child protective proceedings 8. Any other conduct indicating an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims.
N3	Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection)	<p>The failure to provide a child with adequate supervision necessary for such child's well-being as evidenced by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A child who lacks sufficient capacity to self-protect being supervised by a caregiver who is physically present but does not have the necessary emotional, behavioral, or cognitive protective capacities to provide for the child's basic needs. 2. A child who lacks sufficient capacity to self-protect being permitted to be exposed to unsafe individuals and/or situations; 3. Injury or illness occurring as a result of the caregiver's failure, inability, or refusal to provide basic hygiene for a child who lacks sufficient capacity to self-protect; or

		4. A child who lacks sufficient capacity to self-protect ingests a toxic substance because of the caregiver failing to properly store and secure the substance.
N4	Inadequate Food, Clothing, Shelter	<p>The failure to provide a child with the adequate food, clothing or shelter necessary for such child's well-being as evidenced by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The caregiver's inability or refusal to provide a vulnerable child with one or more of the elements (food, clothing, and shelter) deemed essential for the child's well-being. 2. The shelter or residence provided by the caregiver(s) for the child is unsafe/unsanitary or jeopardizes the child's physical safety. (Examples: Exposure to raw sewage, excessive trash exposure, exposed and unprotected wires, unprotected areas where a child can fall and sustain an injury, etc.). 3. The caregiver does not feed the child or purposely withholds food. EXCEPTION: In a situation where the caregiver seeks food for the child but does not have the resources to purchase the food, a referral to community resources may be considered versus accepting a child abuse report. 4. The caregiver does not provide clothing for his/her child that offers adequate protection. EXCEPTION: In a situation where the caregiver seeks clothing for the child but does not have the resources to purchase appropriate clothing, a referral to community resources may be considered versus accepting a child abuse report.
N5	Inadequate Health Care (Medical, Dental, Mental)	<p>The failure to provide proper parental care necessary for a child's physical, mental, or emotional health or morals as evidenced by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inability, failure, or unwillingness to seek or follow-up on essential medical or dental health care for the child, that if not obtained will likely result in physical or emotional harm. 2. Inability, failure, or unwillingness to seek or follow-up on professional mental health treatment for the child, that if not obtained will likely impact the child's ability to function within normal limits, range of performance or behavior. 3. Withholding of medically indicated treatment for disabled infants with life-threatening conditions. <p>EXCEPTION: Georgia law provides that "The treatment of a child in good faith solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or</p>

		religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof shall not in and of itself be considered child abuse."
N7	Educational/Cognitive Neglect	The failure to provide proper education as required by law as evidenced by the caregiver's: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refusal to provide a child with the opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, educational services. 2. Refusal to ensure the child receives proper educational care and attention. 3. Failure to enroll the child in school, as required by law. 4. Knowingly allowing a child to have excessive unexcused absences or tardiness. 5. Deliberately interfering with a child's educational development.
N8	Gunshot	The failure to secure the weapon and make it inaccessible to the child resulting in the gun discharging causing bodily harm and/or property damage.
N9	Suffocation/Drowning	The failure to provide adequate supervision to a child while around an object that holds water or objects that pose a choking/strangulation hazard resulting in the fatality, near fatality, or serious injury of a child through obstruction of their ability to breathe.

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical injury or death inflicted upon a child by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child by other than accidental means; provided, however, that physical forms of discipline maybe used as long as there is no physical injury to the child.

"Accident" means an event that happens unintentionally, and which is unexpected or unforeseen. When assessing whether an incident is accidental consider whether it was expected or foreseeable that the action could have resulted in an injury to the child or the event leading up the action could have resulted in an injury to the child. For example, it is foreseeable that a child spanked with a belt could be injured, therefore, such injury would not be considered an accident.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
P1	Fractures, Dislocations, Sprains	Injury to the child's skeletal system. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required.

P2	Intracranial or Skull Injury	Injury to the child's skull or brain. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required.
P3	Spinal Cord, Nerve Damage	Injury to the child's spinal or nervous system. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required.
P4	Subdural Hematoma	Intracranial bruising or the pooling of blood in the child's cranial cavity. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required.
P5	Internal Chest, Abdomen, Pelvic Injury	Injury to the child's major internal chest, abdominal organs, or pelvis. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required.
P6	Lacerations, Cuts, Punctures	Injury to the child's skin that extends into the child's underlying tissue (other than bruising) resulting in a wound. Generally, the use of an object, such as an edged blade, belt, extension cord, etc. is involved in causing the injury.
P7	Bruises, Welts, Abrasions	Injury to the child's skin that may or may not involve the underlying tissue, resulting in observable discoloration, puffiness, and/or damage to the surface of the skin.
P8	Burns, Scalding	Injury to the child's skin and/or underlying tissue caused by exposure to a source of heat, such as hot water, fire, cigarettes, stove burners, heaters, etc.
P9	Poisoning	Injury to the child with effects ranging from severe illness to death requiring medical attention as a result of the ingestion of a toxic substance that was knowingly administered to the child.
P10	Suffocation/Drowning	Fatality, near fatality, or serious injury to the child due to immersing the child in a fluid, or any other action that inhibits the child's ability to breathe (ex: choking).
P11	Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another	Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another (FDIA) formerly, Munchausen by Proxy, refers to a child receiving unnecessary and harmful or potentially harmful medical care due to overt actions including exaggeration of symptoms, lying about the history, or simulating physical findings (fabrication), or intentionally inducing illness in their child.

P12	Gunshot	Injury inflicted on a child by use of a firearm.
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SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

A parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child employing, using, persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing any minor who is not such person's spouse to engage in any act which involves:

1. Sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex
2. Bestiality
3. Masturbation
4. Lewd exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person
5. Flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude
6. Condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained on the part of a person who is nude
7. Physical contact in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification with any person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, or buttocks or with a female's clothed or unclothed breasts
8. Defecation or urination for the purpose of sexual stimulation
9. Penetration of the vagina or rectum by any object, except when done as part of a recognized medical procedure
10. Sex trafficking/sexual servitude

Sexual abuse shall include consensual sex acts when the sex acts are between minors, if any individual is less than 14 years of age; provided, however, that it shall not include consensual sex acts when the sex acts are between a minor 14 years of age or older and an adult who is not more than four years older than the minor. This provision shall not be deemed or construed to repeal any law concerning the age or capacity to consent.

NOTE: Reports of child-on-child sexual activity, shall be classified as Neglect (N3): Inadequate Supervision/Inadequate Care and Protection.

EXCEPTION: Reports alleging sex trafficking/sexual servitude or sexual exploitation does not require the alleged maltreater to be a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of the child.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
S1	Exhibitionism/Voyeurism	For the purpose of arousal of the child and/or adult: 1. Displays his/her sexual organs to the child.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Participates in an act of sexual intercourse in the presence of the child. 3. Appears in a state of partial or complete nudity in the presence of the child. 4. Caresses or participates in indecent fondling of the body of another person in the presence of the child. 5. Watches the child in various stages of undress or situations in order to derive sexual satisfaction.
S2	Fondling	Touching the genitals, pubic area, breasts, or buttocks of a child in an act of apparent sexual stimulation.
S3	Sodomy	Performing or submitting to any sexual act involving the sex organs of a child and the mouth or anus of the other person (Ex: oral/anal, oral/genital, or genital/anal)
S4	Penetration	Commits or allows the insertion of an object, penis, or finger into the vagina or rectum of a child.
S5	Genital Injury	Causing observable harm to the penis or vagina of a child.
S6	Contraction of a Venereal Disease	Transmitting a sexually transmittable disease (STD) to the child.
S8	Sex Trafficking (Sexual Servitude)	<p>Any person, knowingly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subjects an individual to or maintains an individual in sexual servitude; 2. Recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, solicits, patronizes, or obtains by any means an individual for the purpose of sexual servitude; or 3. Benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from the sexual servitude of another. <p>"Sexual servitude" means any sexually explicit conduct or performance involving sexually explicit conduct for which anything of value is directly or indirectly given, promised to, or received by any individual, which conduct is induced or obtained:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By coercion or deception; 2. From an individual who is under the age of 18 years; 3. From an individual whom the accused believes to be under the age of 18 years;

		<p>4. From an individual who has a developmental disability; or</p> <p>5. From an individual whom the accused believes to have a developmental disability</p> <p>NOTE: Reports of sex trafficking/several servitude involving adults with a developmental disability are referred to the Division of Aging Services, Adult Protective Services.</p> <p>NOTE: Reports alleging sex trafficking/sexual servitude does not require the alleged maltreater to be a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of the child.</p>
<p>S9</p>	<p>Sexual Exploitation</p>	<p>Any person who allows, permits, encourages, or requires a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual or print medium (film, photograph, negative, slide, magazine, or other visual medium) depicting actual or simulated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex 2. Bestiality 3. Masturbation 4. Lewd exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person 5. Flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude 6. Condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained on the part of a person who is nude 7. Physical contact in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification with any person's unclothed genitals, pubic area, or buttocks or with a female's nude breasts 8. Defecation or urination for the purpose of sexual stimulation of the viewer 9. Penetration of the vagina or rectum by any object except when done as part of a recognized medical procedure. <p>NOTE: Reports alleging sex exploitation does not require the alleged maltreater to be a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of the child.</p>