

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE MANUAL	
	Tool Name: Sexual Offense Child Abuse and/or Neglect (CA/N) Matrix	Effective Date: July 1, 2014
	Reference: 3.B (3.8 – Statutory Definition of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (CA/N))	Version: 2

The following chart summarizes sexual offenses that meet the statutory definition of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (CA/N):

Code	Crime	Age of Perp	Age of Victim
IC 35-42-4-1	Rape	Any	Less than 18
IC 35-42-4-3	Child Molesting ¹	Any	Less than 14
IC 35-42-4-4	Child Exploitation	Any	Less than 18
IC 35-42-4-4	Child Pornography	Any	Less than 18
IC 35-42-4-7	Child Seduction	18 or older	16 or 17
IC 35-42-4-9	Sexual Misconduct with a Minor	18 or older	14 or 15
IC 35-45-4-1(a) IC 35-45-4-1(b)	Public Indecency	Any 18 or older	Less than 18 Less than 16
IC 35-45-4-2	Prostitution	Any	Less than 18
IC 35-46-1-3	Incest	18 or older	Less than 18

The following chart summarizes sexual offenses that do not meet the statutory definition of CA/N. However, these sexual offenses are of a criminal nature and will therefore be investigated by law enforcement. When DCS receives reports that contain only criminal allegations (no CA/N allegations), the reports are “screened out” and transferred to law enforcement for investigation.

Code	Crime	Age of Perp	Age of Victim
IC 35-42-4-5	Vicarious Sexual Gratification	18 or older	Less than 16
IC 35-42-4-6	Child Solicitation	18 or older	Less than 14
IC 35-42-4-8	Sexual Battery	Any	Less than 18
IC 35-42-4-3	Child Molesting ²	Any	Less than 14

¹ The term does not include a child who is alleged to be a “child in need of services” if the child is alleged to be a victim of a sexual offense under IC 35-42-4-3 unless the alleged offense under IC 35-42-4-3 involves the fondling or touching of the buttocks, genitals, or female breasts. ([IC 31-9-2-14](#))

² Cases that do not involve the fondling or touching of the buttocks, genitals or female breasts should be referred to law enforcement.