

Child protection concerns operate on a continuum, with corresponding responses from either the community, more specialised partners or the State. Generally, a more serious concern will necessitate higher levels and more intrusive interventions, with the State stepping in when warranted. Child protection is everyone's responsibility. The State should not come in prematurely to intervene. Instead, community support and outreach should first be considered to help families early. CPS will however intervene in situations where there are serious child protection concerns posed to the CYP e.g. sexual abuse, severe neglect and cases with serious injuries inflicted by parent/caregiver. Such cases must be immediately reported to CPS



CHAPTER 2

The Child Protection System in Singapore