

UNCOPE

Child Welfare & Substance Abuse

Recommend/Referral

In the case of the UNCOPE, clients with a total score of **1** will receive a recommendation to seek out a substance abuse assessment to help them determine if they are at risk for problems related to their use of substances. Clients with a total score **2 or more** will be referred for an assessment/evaluation to determine if they would benefit from treatment.

The operational definitions are as follows:

Recommend—means suggesting to a client that they take a specific action without the expectation that there will be any follow-up on the part of the DHHS caseworker or any specific consequences regarding a failure to act. It should be documented that a recommendation was made.

Referral—means to convey to a client that there is an expectation that a particular recommendation will result in appropriate action, assistance will be provided, follow-up will be made and that there may be consequences regarding failure to act.