



CRITERIA 1: IS THIS RESEARCH?

- Will the project test an experimental drug or device?
- Has the project received funding to be conducted as a human subjects research study?
- Is this a systematic investigation designed with the intent to contribute to generalizable findings?

NO

CRITERIA 2: IS THIS A PROGRAM EVALUATION OR NEEDS ASSESSMENT?

Is the project intended to improve or evaluate the practice or process in a specific institution or program (e.g., evaluation, needs assessment)?

NO



YES

CRITERIA 3: STUDY POPULATION

Is the study sample selected based on their participation in DCF-funded services or relationship with NJ DCF?

NO

CRITERIA 4: FUNDING

Is this project funded by DCF?
Answer yes if this is federal or foundation money flowing through DCF

NO

YES

**This project needs to undergo
Research Review Committee
review**

CRITERIA 5: DATA SOURCE

Does the project involve use of DCF's administrative data and/or the collection of primary data that the researchers would not normally have access to as part of their daily work?

YES

YES

YES

NO

CRITERIA 6: SENSITIVITY

Is the topic or methodology of the project politically or ethically sensitive?

NO



DECISION FLOW FOR EXTERNAL PROJECTS

DCF Research Review Committee