

## Family Risk Assessment Guidance

- **Household:** Where the alleged abuse occurred. \*See reverse for noncustodial parent home abuse.
- **Primary caregiver:** Adult in the household where abuse occurred who provides the most care of the children. When in doubt who provides the most care, then determine who has custody. If both caregivers have custody, determine who is the alleged perpetrator. If both are the alleged perpetrators, decide which caregiver has the more severe behavior.
- **Caregivers:** This includes the primary caregiver **and** other adults in the household where abuse occurred who also provides care of the children even if they do so minimally.
- **Secondary caregiver:** Adult living in the household when abuse occurred who has routine responsibility for childcare, but less responsibility than the primary caregiver.

The risk factors identified should be addressed in the appropriate domains of the assessment.

NEGLECT		ABUSE	
N1 <b>Child Well-Being OR Family Safety</b>	<b>Is the current allegation neglect?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neglect refers to physical neglect, medical neglect, as well as, other forms of neglect</li> </ul>	A1 <b>Family Safety</b>	<b>What is the number of prior assessments that were assigned for ANY type of allegation (abuse, neglect, or other) on any members in the household?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include both confirmed and unconfirmed</li> <li>• Include any person or member of the household</li> <li>• Include other state/county jurisdictions</li> <li>• <b>Exclude</b> out-of-home settings</li> </ul>
N2 <b>Family Safety</b>	<b>Are there any prior child abuse assessments of neglect?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check "a" if no prior CPA's of <b>neglect</b></li> <li>• Check "b" if one or more prior CPA's of <b>neglect</b></li> <li>• Check "c" if one prior CPA of neglect was <b>confirmed or founded</b></li> <li>• Check "d" if two or more prior CPA of <b>neglect</b> were <b>confirmed or founded</b></li> <li>• <b>Exclude</b> out-of-home settings</li> </ul>	A2 <b>Family Safety</b>	<b>Has the household previously received child protective services (voluntary or court ordered) or is currently receiving services due to a prior assessment?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not include delinquency service or child abuse assessments that did NOT result in an opened service case</li> </ul>
N3 <b>Family Safety</b>	<b>Has the household previously received child protective services (voluntary or court ordered) or is currently receiving services due to a prior investigation?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not include delinquency services or CPA that did <b>not</b> result in an open case</li> <li>• Check "a" if no</li> <li>• Check "b" if household has previously received services or is currently receiving services due to a prior assessment</li> <li>• Check "c" if any child has previously been removed from the household</li> </ul>	A3 <b>Parent Capabilities</b>	<b>Are there credible statements by the primary caregiver or others who indicate that the primary caregiver was maltreated as a child?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maltreatment includes neglect or physical, sexual, or other abuse</li> </ul>
N4 <b>Child Well-Being OR Home Environment</b>	<b>What is the number of children in the household under the age of 18?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include children under a shared custody agreement</li> </ul>	A4 <b>Parent Capabilities</b>	<b>Are there credible statements by the primary caregiver or others who indicate that the primary caregiver was placed in protective services as a child?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the primary caregiver placed out of the home?</li> </ul>
N5 <b>Child Well-Being</b>	<b>What is the current age of the youngest child in the household?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the child is removed because of the current child protective assessment, count the child as residing in the home.</li> </ul>	A5 <b>Parent Capabilities</b>	<b>Do the caregivers provide supervision inconsistent with a child's need, which could potentially threaten a child's well-being or result in harm to the child?</b> Examples: Leaving a younger, vulnerable child alone, or leaving any child younger than mid-adolescence alone overnight.
N6 <b>Parent Capabilities</b>	<b>What is the primary caregiver's perception of the severity of the incident?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check "a" if none applies</li> <li>• Check "b" if caregiver minimizes the possibility of or actual harm to the child (i.e., the child bruises easily)</li> <li>• Check "c" if caregiver displaces responsibility for the incident (i.e., "The neighbors treat their kids worse...")</li> </ul>	A6 <b>Parent Capabilities OR Family Safety</b>	<b>Do the caregiver's disciplinary practices cause or threaten harm to a child because they are excessively harsh physically or emotionally; or were inappropriate to the child's age or development?</b> Examples: locking a child in the closet or basement, holding a child's hand over fire, hitting a child with instruments, depriving a young child of physical or social activity for extended periods

<p><b>N7</b></p> <p><b>Parent Capabilities</b></p>	<p><b>Does the primary caregiver provide physical care or supervision inconsistent with a child's needs?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer yes if true for any children in the home</li> <li>• This does include home conditions that may be of risk to children of a certain age</li> <li>• Focus on both AGE appropriate care and NEED of appropriate care—food, clothing, hygiene, shelter, supervision, medical care</li> </ul>	<p><b>A7</b></p> <p><b>Family Safety</b></p>	<p><b>Are the caregivers involved in disruptive or volatile adult relationships either with each other or with other adults in the household that have a negative impact on or disrupt family functioning?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include domestic violence</li> <li>• Also include their inability to work together, cooperate, and problem solve which results in a negative impact on family functioning</li> </ul>
<p><b>N8</b></p> <p><b>Parent Capabilities</b></p>	<p><b>Does the primary caregiver have a current substance use problem that interferes with the caregiver's or the family's functioning?</b> Such interference is evidenced by usage that affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Criminal involvement</li> <li>• Marital or family relationships</li> <li>• Ability to provide protection, supervision, and care for the child</li> <li>• Other indicators include positive urine samples, self-report of a problem, treatment or refusal of treatment, DUI in the past 2 years, refusing breathalyzer testing, health or medical problems resulting from substance use, or a child diagnosed with a FAS or drug-affected</li> </ul>	<p><b>A8</b></p> <p><b>Child Well-Being</b></p>	<p><b>What are the characteristics of the children in the household?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check "a" if none apply</li> <li>• Check "b" if any child in the household has a mental health or behavioral problem not related to a physical or developmental disability (including ADHD/ADDD). This could be indicated by: DSM diagnosis, received mental health treatment, current prescription of psychoactive medication, attendance in a special classroom</li> <li>• Check "c" if any child has any significant physical handicap or disability. This does NOT include learning disabilities or ADH.</li> </ul>
<p><b>N9</b></p> <p><b>Child Well-Being</b></p>	<p><b>Does a child in the household show mental health or behavioral problems not related to a physical or developmental disability?</b> Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular visits to a therapist</li> <li>• Attendance in a special classroom for behavioral problems</li> <li>• Prescriptions for psychoactive medication</li> </ul>	<p><b>A9</b></p> <p><b>Parent Capabilities</b></p>	<p><b>Are there credible statements made by the caregivers or others who indicate either or both of the caregivers have received or were recommended for mental health treatment in the past?</b></p>
<p><b>N10</b></p> <p><b>Family Safety</b></p>	<p><b>Is there any recent or history of domestic violence which has involved any of the caregivers in the home?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include any caregiver in the home who was at any time a victim or a perpetrator of domestic violence</li> <li>• "Domestic violence" includes any physical assault, pattern of verbal harassment or threats, or intimidation</li> <li>• Include only domestic violence between caregivers or between a caregiver and another adult household member</li> <li>• Do not include parent-child or child-child violence</li> </ul>	<p><b>A10</b></p> <p><b>Parent Capabilities</b></p>	<p><b>Does the secondary caregiver have a substance use problem that interferes with the caregiver's or family functioning?</b> Such interference is evidenced by usage that affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Criminal employment</li> <li>• Marital or family relationships</li> <li>• Ability to provide protection, supervision and care for a child</li> <li>• Other indicators include positive urine samples, self-report of a problem, treatment or refusal of treatment, DUI in the past 2 years, or refusing breathalyzer testing, health or medical problems resulting from substance use</li> </ul>
<p><b>N11</b></p> <p><b>Home Environment</b></p>	<p><b>Have any of the caregivers had multiple periods of homelessness at any time in the past?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homelessness: past or current homelessness of any caregiver at any time</li> <li>• Includes moving from one family member's house to another, which results in not having a permanent residence</li> </ul>		

**\*Noncustodial household:** Only one household can be assessed on the risk assessment form **that is entered** into Case Flow. When a child's parents do not live together, the child may be a member of two households. Use the following guide to determine which household should be assessed:

- Always assess the household of the alleged perpetrator. This may be the child's primary residence if it is also the residence of the alleged perpetrator, or it may be the household of a noncustodial parent if that is the residence of the alleged perpetrator.
- If the alleged perpetrator is a noncustodial parent, also assess the custodial parent if there is an allegation of failure to protect, **Denial of Critical Care**.
- If a child is being removed from a custodial parent, also assess any noncustodial parent identified if the noncustodial parent will receive child protective services.