

# Child Abuse and Neglect Risk Factor Checklist

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Referral Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Risk Assessment Checklist is an instrument to help assess risk of harm. It is not the sole criteria for decision making. The continuum functions as part of the entire assessment process which also considers circumstances, actions, interactions, cultural considerations, research and professional judgement to make decisions and complete case planning.

Use of the checklist begins with the intake of a report in which a child is identified as a victim of abuse or neglect. Each worker (i.e., screener and assessor) should record his/her ID and sign this form at the bottom of page 2. Notes should be made by factors and in the comment section to document any details necessary to clarify or support items checked.

The checklist should be completed at the time the assessment is concluded.

<b>High Risk Indicators- Factors on the checklist are not inclusive or exhaustive. Factors should be considered cumulatively in the overall evaluation of risk as well as how factors interact together.</b>	Name P/L	Yes	No	Unk	WK ID
1. Child age is infant to six years and/or child is unable to protect or care for self without adult assistance.					
2. Young child left alone.					
3. Incident of physical or sexual abuse, mental injury, neglect or threat of harm of "high risk" nature. Refers also to high risk location of physical damage.					
4. Seriously hazardous physical environment.					
5. Infant affected by or addicted to alcohol or drugs.					
6. Sexual abuse and alleged perpetrator has unrestricted access to child or no adult in home is able or willing to protect child.					
7. Severe abuse of siblings in home.					
8. Escalating frequency or severity of abuse/neglect.					
9. Suspicious or unexplained death of sibling; or death due to abuse or neglect.					
10. Suspected abuser(s) has unrestricted access to child or neglectful caretaker is only adult in home.					
11. Prior validated or convicted sexual offender has access to child.					
12. Child reveals "family secret" that has criminal implications for family member; i.e., sexual abuse, drug dealing, etc.					
13. Child is fearful; extremely withdrawn; in pain; suicidal; child refuses or is afraid to go home.					
14. Parent uncooperative, unmotivated or likely to move.					
15. Parent expresses fear of hurting child; unwanted pregnancy; unwanted child or baby.					
16. Parent expresses excessive frustration concerning diapering, bowel/bladder training problems, and/or excessive crying of infant or young child.					
17. Parent shows severe mental, emotional, or physical functioning difficulties of a "high risk" nature.					
18. Previous confirmed incident of abuse/neglect.					
19. Alcoholism, other drug addiction/abuse in family (including pregnant mother) suspected or verified.					
20. Member of highly deviant, criminal, reclusive or ritualistic group.					
21. Repeat child abuse/neglect incident immediately after CPS/LEA contact.					
22. A child previously/currently in substitute care.					

\* "High Risk" refers to examples listed as high risk for this factor on the CF955 Risk Assessment Continuum

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<b>High Risk Indicators (cont).</b>	Name P/L	Yes	No	Unk	WK ID
23. Parent expresses rigidity toward child; many rules; demands obedience.					
24. Parent shows poor understanding; very unrealistic expectations of child's behavior.					
25. Parent has low self esteem; poor coping or support systems.					
26. Violence within household.					
27. Parent recently physical assaulted another person outside of household.					
28. LEA action for criminal behavior (adjudicated or not).					

<b>Stressors and Predictors of Abuse/Neglect- Factors on the checklist not inclusive or exhaustive. Factors should be considered cumulatively in the overall evaluation of risk as well as how factors interact together.</b>	Name P/L	Yes	No	Unk	WK ID
29. Close child spacing (two under three years, three under six years, twins and triplets).					
30. Teenage parent up to and including age 19.					
31. First pregnancy occurred prior to age 20.					
32. Multiple recent crises or stressors.					
33. Overcrowded housing.					
34. Single parent.					
35. Parent placed in substitute care as a child.					
36. History of previous abuse or neglect in family of origin.					
37. Parent preoccupied with or worried about health problems.					
38. Female child lived without natural father for period of time.					
39. Suspected abuse(s) has nonbiological relationship to victim.					
40. Stepfather or mother's boyfriend lives in household.					
41. Unemployed father at home.					
42. Parent felt own parent's displeased with him/her and he/she received unfair severe punishment.					
43. Mother did not get along with own parents, and is not alienated from mother.					
44. High risk for attachment difficulties; i.e., adopted, born prematurely, developmentally delayed or addicted infant.					
45.					

Comments:

Worker Signature

Date

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