

Domestic Violence Perpetrator Assessment Tool

Case Name: _____ Case #: _____ Date: _____

The purpose of this tool is to help assess safety, risk, strengths and needs. It may be used to assist in decision making and service planning during any stage of the CPS case (assessment through case planning and case management) in conjunction with the required Structured Decision Making Tools.

Assessing the dangerousness of the alleged perpetrator is important; doing so protects the social worker and lessens the risk for children and the non-offending parent/adult victim.

Assessing Power and Control

According to the DV Perpetrator how often does he or she	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Feel the relationship with his or her partner is a safe one?				
Use positive methods of communication with his or her partner?				
Use positive methods of conflict resolution in the family?				
Have positive expectations of his or her family members?				
Respond in a positive manner when he or she does not get what he or she expects?				

<p>Follow up questions concerning the DV Perpetrator's family of origin</p> <p>What method of conflict resolution does he or she say his or her family of origin used?</p>
<p>Did he or she witness violence in his or her family of origin as a child?</p>

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Assessing the Level of Abuse:

According to the DV Perpetrator how often has he or she	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Been told by someone that his or her temper is a problem?				
Been so angry he or she wanted to physically hurt someone?				
Been physical with someone in his or her family?				
Been involved in an incident which resulted in a law enforcement response?				
Put his or her partner down or called him or her names?				
Made his or her partner feel bad about him or herself, think he or she was crazy, or played mind games?				
Hit, slapped, pushed, kicked, strangled, or burned his or her partner?				
Forced his or her partner to perform sexual acts?				

Assessing Risk to the Children:

According to the DV Perpetrator how often does he or she	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Speak of his or her children in a positive manner?				
Use positive forms of discipline with his or her children?				
Have positive expectations of his or her children?				

Follow up questions concerning what the Perpetrator of DV believes is the affect of DV on the children
How does he or she believe the children have been affected by domestic violence?
What does he or she believe would keep the children safe?