

Factors to Consider in a Risk Assessment – Module IV

Form PPS 2030D

1. What type of abuse or neglect is in the report?
2. Number and type of prior reports/service history (abuse or neglect)
3. Non-accidental physical injury to an infant
4. Non-accidental physical injury requiring hospital or medical treatment
5. Perpetrator is likely to have access to the child.
6. Substantiated reports known.
7. Child death as a result of past abuse/neglect
8. Child risk factors regarding behavior
9. Developmental disabilities of child/physical impairments
10. Either parent finds child's behaviors provoking
11. Characteristics of either caregiver (parenting skills, mental health)
12. If either caregiver is involved in harmful relationships
13. If either caregiver has a current substance abuse problem
14. If household is experiencing severe financial difficulty
15. Primary caregiver's motivation to improve parenting skills
16. Caregiver(s) response to investigation and/or denial of risk or failed to cooperate satisfactorily.
17. Either caregiver employs excessive or inappropriate discipline
18. Domineering parent
19. No support systems or positive social relationships (family or otherwise).
20. Socially isolated

Other factors

1. If either caregiver was abused as a child
2. If either caregiver is unable to cope with stress
3. If either caregiver has a history of domestic violence
4. Parents recently divorced or separated
5. If child in the home has history of delinquency
6. If any caregiver or child in home has attempted suicide
7. If either caregiver has ever been convicted of criminal offense
 - This list was designed to statistically estimate the likelihood of future incidents of child maltreatment. A much broader range of family, individual and environmental factors that contribute to child maltreatment must be fully explored as well.