

# Cornell-Penn Interview for Decisional Abilities (IDA)



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## Pre-IDA: Preparing for interview

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APS Worker Name

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Date

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Client Name

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Primary Language  
Spoken

# **Possible Risks: Check all that the client seems to be facing at this time**

## **Abuse**

- Physical Injury
- Mental Injury
- Sexual Abuse
- Unreasonable use of a physical restraint, isolation or medication
- A threat or menacing conduct

## **Self-Neglect**

- Medical (medical care, leaving AMA, not taking medications, etc.)
- Refusal of community supports
- Failure to thrive
- Inadequate food
- Suicidal
- Eviction
- Unsafe housing (filth, vermin, squalid living conditions, inadequate utilities)

# Financial Exploitation

- Misappropriation of property
- Intentionally taking unfair advantage of physical or financial resources when the known adult lacks capacity to consent
- Person in position of trust takes money or property not in due and lawful execution of trust or benefit
- Breach of fiduciary duty, the misuse of power of attorney, trust or guardian/conservatorship as it relates to property, income, resources or trust funds
- Use of deception, intimidation, coercion, extortion, or undue influence by a person or entity to obtain or use adult's property, income, resources, or trust funds for profit of such person

# Neglect

- By caretaker
- By another person

**Identified Risk:** \_\_\_\_\_

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What wording will you use to describe this risk to the client?

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# **Interview Instructions: Use the risk identified in the Pre-IDA for IDA Steps 1, 2, & 3**

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## **IDA Step 1 - Assessing the Risk in General (Understanding)**

**Do you think the client understands the risk in general? (check one)**

- Yes
  
- Maybe
  
- No (If No, stop the interview and speak with your supervisor)

What did the client say that brought you to this judgment? Does the client understand that other people confront the identified risk? Can the client explain what could happen if risk is not addressed? *Record the client's own words as closely as possible.*

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Describe the client's emotions, reactions, non-verbal gestures:

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## **IDA Step 2 - Insight into the Risk on a Personal Level (Appreciation)**

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**Do you think the client has insight that he/she could personally be experiencing this risk? (check one)**

Yes

Maybe

No (If No, stop the interview and speak with your supervisor)

What did the client say that brought you to this judgment? Does the client think he/she is experiencing the risk? Can the client share why or explain their thoughts? *Record the client's own words as closely as possible:*

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Describe the client's emotions, reactions, non-verbal gestures:

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# **IDA Step 3 - Ability to Weigh Advantages/Disadvantages of a Plan for Addressing Risk (Reasoning)**

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**Does the client have the ability to weigh the advantages/disadvantages of a plan to address the risk? (check one)**

Yes

Maybe

No (If No, stop the interview and speak with your supervisor)

What did the client say that brought you to this judgment? Does the client have a plan to address risk? If not, how does he/she respond to a suggested plan to address risk?

Does the client have the ability to weigh **advantages and disadvantages** of a plan to address the risk? *Record the client's own words as closely as possible:*

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Describe the client's emotions, reactions, non-verbal gestures:

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# Post-IDA - Next Steps

Were there any barriers to completing the IDA (hearing or speech problems, language comprehension, other)?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Describe the barriers:

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## Next Steps (check all that apply)

- Discuss client's decisional ability with supervisor
- Consider referral for professional capacity assessment
- Other (describe):

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## Additional Notes

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