

Case Assessment Questions

- What harm has the child suffered?
- Classify the degree of harm as severe, moderate, or mild.
- Are the consequences, physical and emotional, likely to be short-term, long-term or permanent?
- What is the likelihood of recurrence and why?
- What services, short of removal, are necessary to adequately reduce risk?
- What services were made available to the family prior to removal (or prior to hearing)?
- What is the parent/caregiver's understanding of the situation?
- Is the parent/caregiver motivated to make necessary changes?
- Describe the parent/caregiver's current emotional state.
- What kind of support is available from the parent/caregiver's spouse, significant other, extended family and/or friends?
- Has the parent/caregiver demonstrated cooperation with service providers or lack of it?
- What indications of parent/caregiver-child attachment have been observed?
- Are basic food and clothing provided for the child when they are in the parent/caregiver's home?
- Is the family income sufficient to meet the child's basic needs?
- List all the losses that the child would suffer by being removed from the home.
- What is the most appropriate type of placement for this child?
- What efforts have been made to locate possible relative placements?
- What will out-of-home placement provide for the child? What will out-of-home placement provide for the parent/caregiver?
- What visitation arrangements should be made between the child and parent/caregiver (for example: location, frequency, length, transportation, supervision)?
- What is the expected duration of out-of-home placement?