

# SDM® SUBSTITUTE CARE PROVIDER SAFETY ASSESSMENT

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Primary SCP Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Referral Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

List any other related referrals:

Name(s) and age(s) of foster children in the household:

CSW Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCP TYPE

- Foster
- Relative
- NREFM
- FFA
- Small family home

## SECTION 1: SAFETY THREATS

Assess the household for each of the following safety threats. Indicate whether currently available information results in reason to believe the safety threat is present for any foster/adoptive child currently residing in the household.

### **1. THE SCP CAUSED PHYSICAL HARM TO THE CHILD OR MADE A PLAUSIBLE THREAT TO CAUSE PHYSICAL HARM IN THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION**

- Yes (select all that apply)
  - Injury or abuse to the child other than accidental.
  - The SCP fears they will maltreat the child and/or requests the child's removal.
  - Threat to cause harm or retaliate against the child.
  - Domestic violence likely to injure child.
  - Excessive discipline or physical force.
- No

### **2. CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS SUSPECTED, AND CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST THAT THE CHILD'S SAFETY MAY BE OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN**

- Yes
- No

### **3. THE SCP DOES NOT MEET THE CHILD'S NEEDS FOR SUPERVISION, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND/OR MEDICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

- Yes
- No

### **4. THE PHYSICAL LIVING CONDITIONS ARE HAZARDOUS AND IMMEDIATELY THREATENING TO THE HEALTH AND/OR SAFETY OF THE CHILD**

- Yes
- No

**5. THE SCP ROUTINELY DESCRIBES THE CHILD IN NEGATIVE TERMS OR ACTS TOWARD THE CHILD IN NEGATIVE WAYS**

- Yes
- No

**6. THE SCP FAILS TO PROTECT THE CHILD FROM HARM OR THREATENED HARM BY OTHERS. THIS MAY INCLUDE PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EMOTIONAL ABUSE.**

- Yes
- No

**7. THE SCP'S EXPLANATION FOR THE INJURY TO THE CHILD IS QUESTIONABLE OR INCONSISTENT WITH THE TYPE OF INJURY**

- Yes
- No

**8. THE SCP HINDERS/REFUSES ACCESS TO THE CHILD**

- Yes
- No

**9. CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, COMBINED WITH PRIOR REFERRALS OF ABUSE/NEGLECT AND/OR INCIDENT REPORTS, SUGGEST THAT THE CHILD'S SAFETY MAY BE OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN**

- Yes
- No

**10. OTHER**

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes
- No

**SAFETY DECISION: IF NO SAFETY THREATS ARE PRESENT, SELECT THE SAFETY DECISION BELOW.**

- Safe.** No safety threats were identified at this time. Based on currently available information, there are no children likely to be in immediate danger of serious harm.

## SECTION 1A: SUBSTITUTE CARE PROVIDER COMPLICATING BEHAVIORS

If yes is selected for any safety threats above, indicate whether any of the following behaviors are present. These are conditions that make it more difficult or complicated to create safety for a child, but do not by themselves constitute a safety threat. These factors must be considered when assessing for and planning to mitigate safety threats with a safety plan.

Select all that apply to the household.

- Developmental/cognitive impairment
- Domestic violence
- Mental health
- Physical condition
- Substance abuse
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: IN-HOME PROTECTIVE INTERVENTIONS

### SAFETY DECISION

- Safe with plan.** One or more safety threats are present; however, the child can safely remain in the placement with a safety plan. In-home protective interventions have been initiated through a safety plan and the child will remain in the placement as long as the safety interventions mitigate the safety threats. Select all in-home interventions utilized in the safety plan.

Select all that apply.

- 1. Intervention or direct services by worker
- 2. Use of family, neighbors, or other individuals in the community as safety resources
- 3. Use of community agencies or services as safety resources
- 4. Have the SCP appropriately protect the victim from the alleged perpetrator
- 5. Have the alleged perpetrator leave the household, either voluntarily or in response to legal action
- 6. Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 3: PLACEMENT INTERVENTIONS

- 7. Removal from current placement is necessary because interventions 1–6 do not adequately ensure the child's safety

## **SAFETY DECISION**

- **Unsafe.** One or more safety threats are present, and removal from the SCP's household is the only protective intervention possible for one or more children. Without placement, one or more children will likely be in danger of immediate harm.

If unsafe, document which foster children are being removed from placement and which foster children (if any) will not be removed from placement.

**Copy the appropriate individuals according to agency policy.**