SCI SDM Tool (6/4/12)

Report #		**Reviewer**	
Report Date		**Report Name**	

I. Neglect ○ Yes ○ No *If yes: complete the following neglect assessment (1-5). If no, proceed to section II.*

1. Inadequate Basic Care	○ Yes ○ No *If yes complete a,b,c,d,e*	A child is without proper parental care and control or subsistence, education, medical, or other care and control necessary for the child's well-being.
a. Housing conditions	○ Yes ○ No	Based upon the age and development of child, the home is hazardous to the safety of a child(ren)and such conditions could lead to injury or illness of the child if not resolved.
b. Clothing/Hygiene	○ Yes ○ No	A parent, guardian, or custodian has failed to meet a child(ren)'s basic needs for clothing and/or hygiene to the extent that the child(ren)'s functioning (physical, mental, or psychological) is impaired. Includes chronic lice or scabies.
c. Food	○ Yes ○ No	Child's behavior, statement, and/or functioning indicates that he/she is without adequate food or is malnourished as a result of action or inaction by a parent, guardian, or custodian. This includes failure to thrive.

If 1, a, b, or c are answered yes complete the Inadequate Basic Care Decision Tree.

Inadequate Basic Care Decision Tree

A. Is the home situation immediately dangerous, or is any child currently left unsupervised who is under 13 years or limited by disability regardless of age?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Emergency (End Section-Go to d.)* *If No: Answer Question B*	A child is without parental care and control or subsistence, education, medical, or other care and control necessary for the child's well-being. Based on a child(ren)'s age, developmental status, the child(ren)'s physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately dangerous (e.g. leaking gas, no food in home, access to objects that endanger health/safety, lack of utilities, exposed electrical wires, excessive garbage or rotten food. Human or animal waste in home, access to guns, weapon, meth lab, child subjected to threats, put-downs, berating, Children under age 13 or limited by disability is not receiving appropriate supervision and there is no appropriate alternative plan for supervision (e.g. child(ren) is currently alone, caregiver(s) does not attend to the children). [e.g. child wanders outdoors alone, plays with dangerous objects or exposed to serious hazards, child with suicidal ideation not closely monitored]. Child(ren) presently receiving inappropriate care.
B. Are AODA or Domestic Violence issues currently impacting the child?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority One* *If No: Priority Two*	Is the parent impaired (by alcohol or other drugs) at the time of the report, making him/her unable to care for the child or is the parent consistently impaired? Are domestic violence issues included in the report? Is the parent out of control (mental illness or other significant lack of control) at the time of the report, or is frequently out of control, or have characteristics that suggest dangerousness (violent behavior or threats, etc.)? Parents cannot control behavior (this includes aggressive behavior or emotion; e.g. a violent person may not be able to control his emotions and behavior or a chemically dependent person may be unable to control the effects of dependency) which could therefore, have an effect on the safety of the child.
		RESPONSE: _____

d. Medical	○ Yes ○ No	A parent, guardian, or custodian is failing to seek, obtain, or follow through with medical care for a specific medical or dental injury, illness, or condition for a child, including failure to use prescribed drugs that results in life threatening or long term health needs (e.g. sores, infections, physical illness, or serious harm.
e. Mental Health	○ Yes ○ No	A parent, guardian, or custodian fails to obtain mental health services and intervention for a child in need of treatment or evaluation based on current behavioral indicators (includes suicidal threats, or attempts, severe emotional disorders, etc: this does NOT include referrals from facilities that either have not done adequate discharge planning and/or not attempted to engage the family.

If either d or e is answered yes complete the Medical/Mental Health Decision Tree.

Medical/Mental Health Decision Tree

A. Does the child appear seriously ill or injured or in need of medical care?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Emergency (End Section-Go to 2.)* *If No: Answer question B.*	Does the child(ren) require immediate medical/psychiatric treatment and/or hospitalization? This includes failure to thrive, refusal of caregiver(s)to meet child(ren)'s medical/psychiatric needs or treat a serious or significant injury/condition.
B. Does the child have a chronic illness or minor injuries that require attention?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority One* *If No: Priority Two*	Is the caregiver(s) refusing to meet child(ren)'s ongoing medical needs or treat a serious condition?
		RESPONSE: _____

2. Lack of Supervision	○ Yes ○ No	No Hover. *If Yes: Answer a, b, c, and d. If No: Go to question 3.*
a. Minor child(ren) not attended to	○ Yes ○ No	Minor child not attended to and/or is left to care for him/herself and /or for younger siblings under circumstances which may result or has resulted in serious injury and/or death (e.g. child under 13 years is afraid or not physically, mentally , or cognitively able to care for him/herself).
b. Failure to protect	○ Yes ○ No	Child(ren) was/is physically abused or sexually abused AND the parent, guardian, custodian knew or should have known of the abuse and failed to take reasonable steps to protect the child from further harm. This includes sibling on sibling abuse.
c. Parental incapacity	○ Yes ○ No	Parent, guardian, or custodian is unable to discharge his or her caretaking responsibilities to and for the child(ren) due to such circumstances as excessive substance abuse, incarceration, hospitalization, mental or physical illness with no other available or appropriate arrangement made.
d. Child left with others	○ Yes ○ No	Child left with other caregivers/relatives in a home environment that indicates neglectful conditions; or a pattern of leaving child(ren) with relatives/others poses safety concerns (e.g., allowing convicted sex offender to have access to child, child left in care of known substance users or home with illegal substances readily accessible to child).

3. Educational	○ Yes ○ No	Elementary school aged child(ren) with ten absences or more in one semester, or middle or high school child(ren) with special needs that indicate that the parent is responsible for getting the child to school.
4. Endangerment	○ Yes ○ No	A parent, guardian, or custodian has knowingly, intentionally, or negligently, placed the child in a situation that may endanger or did endanger the child's life or health (e.g. positive toxicology screen of the child at the time of birth, toddler who has easy access to illegal drugs/alcohol while under caretaker supervision, child(ren) observes caretaker engaged in excessive abuse of substances, caretaker fails to take any steps to intervene with older child illegally using substances).
5. Abandonment	○ Yes ○ No	A parent, guardian, or custodian without justifiable cause, left the child without provision for the child's identification for a period of 14 days, or left the child with others including the other parent, relatives, or an agency without provision for support and without communication for a period of 1) three months if the child is under six years of age at the commencement of the three-month period or 2) six month if the child is over six year of age at the commencement of the six month period.

If you answered yes to Neglect at the beginning of section I complete the Lack of Supervision Tree, regardless of the answers to any other questions. If 2, 3, 4, or 5 are answered yes complete the Lack of Supervision Decision Tree.

Lack of Supervision Decision Tree

A. Is the home situation immediately dangerous, or is any child currently left unsupervised who is under 13 years or limited by disability regardless of age?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Emergency (End Section-Go to II.)* *If No: Answer question B.*	Based on a child(ren)'s age, developmental status, the child(ren)'s physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately dangerous (e.g. leaking gas, no food in home, access to objects that endanger health/safety, lack of utilities, exposed electrical wires, excessive garbage or rotten food. Human or animal waste in home, access to guns, weapon, meth lab, child subjected to threats, put-downs, berating. Children under age 13 or limited by disability is not receiving appropriate supervision and there is no appropriate alternative plan for supervision (e.g. child(ren) is currently alone, caregiver(s) does not attend to the children). [e.g. child wanders outdoors alone, plays with dangerous objects or exposed to serious hazards, child with suicidal ideation not closely monitored]. Child(ren) presently receiving inappropriate care.
B. Are AODA or Domestic Violence issues currently impacting the child?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority One* *If No: Priority Two*	Is the parent impaired (by alcohol or other drugs) at the time of the report, making him/her unable to care for the child or is the parent consistently impaired? Are domestic violence issues included in the report? Is the parent out of control (mental illness or other significant lack of control) at the time of the report, or is frequently out of control, or have characteristics that suggest dangerousness (violent behavior or threats, etc.)? Parents cannot control behavior (this includes aggressive behavior or emotion; e.g. a violent person may not be able to control hi emotion and behavior or a chemically dependent person may be unable to control the effects of dependency) which could therefore, have an effect on the safety of the child.
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II. Emotional/Psychological Maltreatment ○ Yes ○ No *If yes: complete the following emotional/psychological maltreatment assessment (1-2). If no, proceed to section III.*

1. Negative behavior toward child	○ Yes ○ No	Behavior toward a child(ren) by a parent, guardian, or custodian that impairs the child's emotional or behavioral functioning (e.g. constant berating or belittling, threatening, extreme or chronic pet maltreatment, cruel confinement, child is afraid to go home, etc.)
2. Child well-being/emotional abuse	○ Yes ○ No	Failure of a parent, guardian, or custodian to provide appropriate support, attention, and affection necessary for a child to develop intellectually and emotionally as demonstrated by extreme behaviors of child such as fire setting, self harm, animal maltreatment, suicidal ideation, etc.)

If you answered yes to Emotional/Psychological Maltreatment at the beginning of section II complete the Emotional/Psychological Maltreatment Decision Tree.

Emotional/Psychological Maltreatment Decision Tree

A. Is the home situation immediately dangerous, or is any child currently left unsupervised who is under 13 years or limited by disability regardless of age?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Emergency (End Section-Go to III.)* *If No: Answer question B.*	Based on a child(ren)'s age, developmental status, the child(ren)'s physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately dangerous (e.g. leaking gas, no food in home, access to objects that endanger health/safety, lack of utilities, open windows/missing window, exposed electrical wires, excessive garbage or rotten food. Serious illness or significant injury occurred due to living conditions and conditions still exist. Human or animal waste in home, access to guns, weapon, meth lab, child subjected to threats, put-downs, berating, animal maltreatment, cruel confinements, or child is afraid to go home to such conditions. Children under age 13 or limited by disability is not receiving appropriate supervision and there is no appropriate alternative plan for supervision (e.g. child(ren) is currently alone, caregiver(s) does not attend to the children). [e.g. child wanders outdoors alone, plays with dangerous objects or exposed to serious hazards, child with suicidal ideation not closely monitored]. Child(ren) presently receiving inappropriate care.
B. Are AODA or Domestic Violence issues currently impacting the child?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority One* *If No: Priority Two*	Is the parent impaired (by alcohol or other drugs) at the time of the report, making him/her unable to care for the child or is the parent consistently impaired? Are domestic violence issues included in the report? Is the parent out of control (mental illness or other significant lack of control) at the time of the report, or is frequently out of control, or have characteristics that suggest dangerousness (violent behavior or threats, etc.)? Parents cannot control behavior (this includes aggressive behavior or emotion; e.g. a violent person may not be able to control his emotions and behavior or a chemically dependent person may be unable to control the effects of dependency) which could therefore, have an effect on the safety of the child.
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III. Sexual Abuse ○ Yes ○ No *If yes: complete the following sexual abuse assessment (1-4). If no, proceed to section IV.*

1. Criminal sexual contact, incest, or criminal sexual penetration	○ Yes ○ No	Criminal sexual contact, incest, or criminal sexual penetration of child(ren) by his/her parent, guardian, or custodian or other household member.
2. Physical and/or behavioral findings consistent with a suspicion of sexual abuse	○ Yes ○ No	Physical and/or behavioral findings consistent with a suspicion of sexual abuse as reported even without disclosure by victim. Sexual abuse includes but is not limited to criminal sexual contact, incest or criminal sexual penetration as those acts are defined by state law. Circumstances suggest that child is at risk of sexual abuse.
3. Sexual exploitation	○ Yes ○ No	Sexual exploitation involving a child (under age 18) by a parent, guardian, or custodian that includes but is not limited to allowing, permitting, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution or other sexual acts; allowing, permitting, encouraging, or engaging a child in obscene or pornographic photographing or filming or depicting a child for obscene or pornographic commercial purposes as those acts are defined by state law.
4. Sexual grooming	○ Yes ○ No	Preparing a child for sexual abuse (e.g buying special clothing that is not age appropriate, watching child in the bathroom, having a child participate in inappropriate adult activities etc).

If you answered yes to Sexual Abuse at the beginning of Section III, complete the Sexual Abuse Decision Tree.

Sexual Abuse Decision Tree

A. Does the child's statement or other physical findings indicate a need for medical care?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Emergency (End Section-Go to IV.)* *If No: Answer question B.*	The child's statement or other physical findings indicate that the sexual abuse incident occurred within the past 72 hours, the child has injuries to be treated and documented, and/or the child has current genital, anal, or oral complaints such as pain, bleeding, or lesions.
B. Does the perpetrator have access or does the caregiver blame the child, or is the child afraid to go home?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Respond to question C.* *If No: Respond to question D.*	Does the alleged perpetrator(s) live in the home or have the ability for immediate contact with the child(ren)(e.g babysitter)? Does the caregiver blame the child(ren) for the sexual abuse incident/event? Or child expresses fear of going home, based on credible threats made by caregiver(s), child(ren) exhibits behavior indicators of fear. Has the child expressed apprehension about going home TODAY?
C. Is the non-offending caregiver's response appropriate and protective of the child?	○ Yes ○ No *If C is No: Emergency* *If C is Yes: Priority Two*	Is the non-offending caregiver supporting the child(ren)'s disclosure and demonstrating the ability to prevent the perpetrator from having access to the child(ren)? Will the non-offending caregiver not pressure the child(ren) to change statements? Will the non-offending caregiver obtain medical treatment for the children as needed?
D. Is the caregiver unaware of abuse or is response to abuse unknown?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority One* *If No: Priority Two*	Self-explanatory based upon facts given by the reporter.
		RESPONSE: _____

IV. Physical Abuse ○ Yes ○ No *If yes: complete the following physical abuse assessment (1-4). If no, proceed to Section V and respond to screening decision questions.*

1. Suspected non-accidental injury	○ Yes ○ No	Injury may include, but is not limited to, evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, burns, fractures of any bone, subdural hematoma, or soft tissue swelling to a child(ren) by a parent, guardian, or custodian, or an injury to a child(ren) that is not consistent with the explanation given by a parent, guardian, or custodian.
2. Domestic violence related	○ Yes ○ No	Threat of physical harm to a child(ren) due to domestic violence in the home where caretaker cannot protect child(ren) from harm due to domestic violence, child(ren) is in the middle of the caretakers' physical violence, use of a weapon (use of object to inflict or with intent to inflict harm to another) or chronic reports that seem progressive and escalate the risk of physical abuse or harm.
3. Excessive and/or inappropriate physical acts used on a child	○ Yes ○ No	Excessive and/or inappropriate physical acts used on a child. Excessive and/or inappropriate (based on the child's age or developmental status) physical acts and/or discipline (e.g. kicking with a steel toed boot, hitting with objects, biting, etc). This does not include corporal punishment of a child.
4. Child death as a result of physical abuse	○ Yes ○ No	Death of a child(ren) suspected to be the result of physical abuse.

If you answered yes to Physical Abuse at the beginning of section IV, complete the Physical Abuse Decision Tree.

Physical Abuse Decision Tree

A. Are significant injuries evident or is medical care required?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Respond question B.* *If No: Respond to question C.*	Are visible signs of abuse apparent such as bruises, welts, abrasions, lacerations, old scars/marks including healing wounds on a child under eight years of age or limited by disability, or are there significant injuries apparent on any child regardless of age? Significant injuries may include possible internal injuries, broken bones/fractures, multiple bruises, contusions, burns, swelling, injuries to the torso, lower back, head, or other parts of the body not commonly prone to injuries of an accidental nature or the child is experiencing physical pain or serious discomfort due to suspected injuries indicating that medical care or attention is required. Significant injuries may also include those injuries that suggest the child has been hit with an object or instrument (e.g. hammers, boards, extension cords), placed in restraints, had chemical put in the eyes, etc. This does not include a child has already received medical attention.
B. Is the child in a protective environment?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority One (End Section-Go to V.)* *If No: Emergency (End Section-Go to V.)*	Based on information provided by the reporter, the non-offending caregiver(s) seems supportive of the child(ren) disclosure and demonstrates the ability to prevent the perpetrator(s) from having access to the child(ren), the non-offending caregiver(s) indicates that he/she will not pressure the child(ren) to change statement, and/or the non-offending caregiver(s) obtained medical treatment for the children if it was needed. This includes the child being in a protective environment.

C. Were severe, extreme, or excessive measures used?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Respond to question D.* *If No: Respond to question E.*	Examples include locking a child in a closet or other confined space, use of restraints, torture, or punishment that goes beyond the child's endurance?
D. Will the perpetrator have access to the child in the next 24 hours or is the child afraid to go home	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority One (End Section-Go to V.)* *If No: Priority Two (End Section-Go to V.)*	Will the alleged perpetrator have unsupervised, in-person contact, including visitation, with the child(ren) within the next 24 hours? Or the child expresses fear based on credible threats made by the caregiver(s); child(ren)evidences behavioral indicators of fear, there is a history of abusive behavior that is similar to the current allegation, and may suggest a higher chance of reoccurrence.
E. Have there been prior investigated reports of abuse?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Respond question F.* *If No: Priority Two (End Section-Go to V.)*	There is a history of abusive behavior that has been investigated and may be similar to the current allegation and may suggest a higher chance of reoccurrence. If unable to determine allegations in prior investigations answer "Yes".
F. Is the child in a protective environment?	○ Yes ○ No *If Yes: Priority Two (End Section-Go to V.)* *If No: Priority One (End Section-Go to V.)*	Based on information provided by the reporter, the non-offending caregiver(s) seems supportive of the child(ren) disclosure and demonstrates the ability to prevent the perpetrator(s) from having access to the child(ren), the non-offending caregiver(s) indicates that he/she will not pressure the child(ren) to change statement, and/or the non-offending caregiver(s) obtained medical treatment for the children if it was needed. This includes the child being in a protective environment.
		RESPONSE: _____

V. SDM Decision

○ Screen In ○ Screen Out

Recommended Response

○ Emergency ○ Priority One ○Priority Two

VI. Override

○ Any child under 13 year of age in detention.
○ Law enforcement requests CYFD assistance.
○ Allegation on foster/TFC home for child in CYFD custody.
○ Discretionary Override
  ○ Worker
  ○ Supervisor

VII. SDM Reasons for Screen Out

○ No allegation of maltreatment/reporter's allegations does not meet screen in criteria.
○ Insufficient information to locate family.
○ Perpetrator is not a caretaker and caretaker(s) is adequately protecting.
○ Pending investigation of same incident.
○ Pending investigation or open case for similar allegation.