

Child Interview – Adoptions

Specialist Name: _____

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Date: _____

Overall Evaluation

For overall evaluation: If all areas are MS, then the overall is MS. If even 1 is NI, then the overall is NI. If even 1 area is DNM, then the overall is DNM.

Meets Standards

Needs Improvement

Does Not Meet

Engagement and Rapport

Meets Standards (10-8)

Needs Improvement (7-6)

Does Not Meet (5 or less)

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| 1) Introduced self and clearly explained role _____ | Yes | No |
| 2) Explained the purpose of the interview _____ | Yes | No |
| 3) Used appropriate tool to engage/interview the child _____ | Yes | No |
| 4) Listened to and responded to the child's questions _____ | Yes | No |
| 5) Appropriate use of casual conversation throughout interview _____ | Yes | No |
| 6) Engaging and receptive towards the child _____ | Yes | No |
| 7) Respectful to the child throughout the interview _____ | Yes | No |
| 8) Non-threatening towards the child _____ | Yes | No |
| 9) Non-judgmental towards the child _____ | Yes | No |
| 10) Empathetic towards the child (Verbally acknowledged child's fears/concerns) _____ | Yes | No |

Overall Feedback - Rapport and Engagement: _____

Total Number: _____

Interviewing

Meets Standards (7-6)

Needs Improvement (5-4)

Does Not Meet (3 or less)

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| 1) Used open-ended questions throughout majority of the interview _____ | Yes | No |
| 2) Avoided leading and coercive questions _____ | Yes | No |
| 3) Allowed the child to speak without interrupting (appropriate use of silence) _____ | Yes | No |
| 4) Attentive to the child's body language _____ | Yes | No |
| 5) Effective use of redirection and summarization _____ | Yes | No |
| 6) Interview flowed well _____ | Yes | No |
| 7) Spoke on the child's developmental level _____ | Yes | No |

Overall Feedback - Interviewing: _____

Total Number: _____

Assessing Safety

Meets Standards (5)

Needs Improvement (4-3)

Does Not Meet (2 or less)

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| 1) Clearly identified how the child defines safe _____ | Yes | No |
| 2) Asked follow-up questions throughout the interview regarding safety, permanency, and well-being _____ | Yes | No |
| 3) Gauged the child's feelings/fears/concerns regarding at least two of the following: _____ | Yes | No |
| o Adoption – | | |
| o Visitation with siblings and other extended family/connections – | | |
| o Issues in the adoptive home – | | |
| 4) Gathered sufficient information (more than just mentioning) in at least two of the following safety areas: _____ | Yes | No |
| o Discipline – | | |
| o Sleeping arrangements – | | |
| o Other people living/visiting the home – | | |
| 5) Gathered sufficient information in at least two of the following permanency or well-being areas: _____ | Yes | No |
| o Adjustment/behavior – | | |
| o Education – | | |
| o Medical/psychological – | | |

Overall Feedback - Assessing Safety:

Total Number:

Developmental Plan Recommendations:

Grader Name:

Grader Signature: