



Assessment of Child Safety



Case Information

Malone		
Family name	Referral date	Referral number
Child welfare (CW) specialist name	County	Case

Assessment Purpose:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment/Individualized service plan (ISP) development | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant change in case circumstances | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of parental rights | |

Child(ren)

Name	Date of birth	Gender	Tribe	In household	Role in case	Date of first FTF visit
Audra Smith	9 years	Female	N/A	Yes	Victim	
Haley Malone	5 years	Female	N/A	Yes	Victim	

Parent or person responsible for child (PRFC)

Name	Date of birth	Gender	Tribe	In household	Role in case	Date of first FTF visit
Tracy Malone	34 years	Female	N/A	Yes	prfc/perp	
Mitch Malone	35 years	Male	N/A	Yes	prfc/perp	
Kenneth SMith	34 years	Male	N/A	No	prfc	

I. Six Key Questions Used in Gathering Information

Compiling sufficient information in these six areas provides an understanding of how the family functions and their protective capacities that allow a child safety decision to be made.

Conduct an Assessment of Child Safety (AOCS) per Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 340:75-3-300, OAC 340:75-4-12.1, or OAC 340:75-6.

For Child Protective Services and Family-Centered Services:

Assess, observe, and gather information from the child(ren) and every person responsible for the child (PRFC) in the family, and at least two collaterals, unless protocol is modified by the supervisor.

For Family-Centered Services and Permanency Planning:

Assess, observe, and gather information from the child(ren) and every PRFC in the family, and all

individuals providing support and service providers. The ongoing AOCS is completed and stored in the KIDS case File Cabinet.

1. Maltreatment - What is the extent of the abuse and/or neglect?

Describe the extent of the alleged maltreatment to determine if the child(ren) has been abused or neglected, considering what is occurring or has occurred. Information gathered in this section provides evidence to support or rule out child maltreatment.

On call specialist responded to a call at 1:20am regarding a domestic dispute and intoxicated persons located at 800 N. Fisher lot 6. It was reported Mr. Malone had pushed Mrs. Malone down on the ground and began choking her causing an injury to her chin and threatened to kill Mrs. Malone with a tool. Police received a call from 9 year old, Audra Smith stating her father was going to kill her mother with a tool and both were drinking. Specialist arrived at the home and observed both Audra and Haley (5yrs) to be sitting in the back of a police vehicle, singing and playing. Mr. Malone had been placed under arrest and was passed out in the back of another police vehicle. Audra and Haley stated they were in the house watching the movie Bolt and both their parents had been drinking alcohol. They also reported they saw their father drink from their mother's cup and he is not supposed to drink liquor as he can only drink beer. They stated their mother drinks alcohol from a clear bottle with a red and gold label. Audra heard her mother and father screaming outside. The screaming was loud enough to wake Haley, who was sleeping on the couch. Audra ran outside and her father was on top of her mother slapping her. She heard her dad say he was going to kill her mother with a tool and watched him get up and go to the back of the house. Audra then called 911 but when her daddy saw her on the phone, he grabbed it from her hand and broke the phone against the ground. After that, he went back around the house and got in the truck. That was when the officers came. Haley did not speak much about the incident as Audra did most of the talking. Haley stated her daddy hurt her mommy and he is not supposed to drink liquor only beer. Audra had a large knot on the bottom of her heel, which she stated it hurt to walk on. It was because she had a toothpick in her foot that had been there for 2 weeks. Neither Audra nor Haley demonstrated any fear or concern regarding the incident that took place with their parents. The 911 dispatcher, Jamie, stated Audra first called screaming that her father was going to kill her mother, but was still able to direct the officers to her home and provide detail as to where her father was standing, where her mother was, and what their home looked like. Specialist observed the family home as Audra was assisting specialist in locating phone numbers for family members. Mrs. Malone was in the home but was too intoxicated to offer assistance. The home was observed to be cluttered and had papers and trash strewn about. There were dirty dishes piled in the sink and covering the counters in the small kitchen. There were four small dogs running throughout the home. The children's bedroom had baby powder strewn about, covering the girl's mattresses and clothes that were piled on the floor. There was a large work shop table placed in the middle of the small kitchen with an extension cord running from it to the outside window.

2. Circumstances - What surrounding circumstances accompany the maltreatment?

Describe the circumstances and behaviors or conditions surrounding the alleged maltreatment, including intent, explanation(s) given, acknowledgement, attitude, history, or pattern of maltreatment, criminal history, and presence of other problems. In other words, include *what happened, why did it happen, has it happened before, and without intervention, is it likely to happen again?*

Mr. Malone was unable to provide specialist with any information at the time of the incident due to being intoxicated and passed out. Mrs. Malone was hostile and refused to speak at the time of the incident; she also refused to give any names of family members who may be able to help. During this time, Mrs. Malone explained she was not too intoxicated to care for her children because one

time, she was drunk and a space heater caught fire. She was able to wake up from being "passed out" and put out the fire despite how drunk she was that night. Mr. and Mrs. Malone were interviewed later at the Johnston County jail after they had both sobered up. Mrs. Malone stated she and her husband had been drinking the night before. She was drinking vodka and Dr. Pepper and Mr. Malone took a drink from her glass. She stated he can not drink liquor and she normally hides her liquor from him. She did not acknowledge any altercation occurred between herself or Mr. Malone and refused medical treatment for her chin. Mrs. Malone was observed to have a large, black bruise under her chin that appeared swollen. Mr. Malone denied any knowledge of the events that occurred early that morning and informed specialist he did not remember ever seeing the specialist before. He stated he had been outside working on his truck as the family was planning on moving and he had been drinking. He was drinking beer. He does not drink liquor because it makes him "violent." He recalls Audra being on the phone and then being placed in handcuffs. He does not remember harming his wife or stating he was going to kill her.

Officer Kelby Hughes, stated he was dispatched to the scene after receiving a call regarding a domestic dispute. When he arrived, the oldest child informed him her daddy was going to get a tool and kill her mommy. He stated the children were placed in his vehicle for their protection and he attempted to make contact with Mrs. Malone who was sitting in the front yard. Mr. Malone then walked around from the back of the home with a beer in one hand and an unidentified object in the other. He called for Mr. Malone to get on the ground several times before Mr. Malone finally did and they were able to arrest him. After Mr. Malone was placed in the back of another police vehicle, they attempted to speak with Mrs. Malone. She was extremely intoxicated; she was slurring her speech and was unable to stand steady on her feet. She refused to cooperate with police and was placed under arrest for public intoxication.

Jamie, the 911 dispatcher, stated there are no records of previous calls to the residence. It was reported by collaterals that Mr. and Mrs. Malone have a history of drug and alcohol abuse as well as domestic violence.

Mr. Kenneth Smith is the biological father of Audra Smith. Mr. Smith he has concerns for his daughter due to Mr. and Mrs. Malone's previous use of alcohol and drugs and the children being placed in Arkansas state custody on two previous occasions. Mr. Smith denied any knowledge of the incident until he was contacted, but was not surprised by it. He informed specialist he will pursue full custody of Audra, but it may take a while before he can get to court. He has not had contact with Audra in several months, since the family moved from Arkansas.

A child welfare history search on the family and showed the children have been in care on two previous occasions in the State of Arkansas. Arkansas records indicated in September of 20__ (4 years prior), a referral was received alleging Mr. and Mrs. Malone were selling drugs out of their apartment and they had no food. Both parents appeared to be high with their eyes glassy and they unable to care for the children. It was reported the children were seen in the road near the apartment complex, and Audra went to a neighbor's house seeking medicine for her tooth and food as she was hungry. Officers were called to the home and found Mr. Malone in a neighboring apartment drunk and unaware of the children's whereabouts. Mr. Malone believed the children to be in the apartment asleep. The home had trash piled up, rotted food in the kitchen with maggots and flies on the food. The home did not have any edible food. Both children were observed to be dirty. During search of the home a cigar box was located with drugs and drug paraphernalia in it. Mrs. Malone stated the drugs were hers and tested positive for marijuana. The children were placed in state custody at that time. After 8 months in custody, Mr. and Mrs. Malone were able to regain

custody of the children. In November of 20__ (2 years prior), the state of Arkansas received another referral as it was reported that Oklahoma Department of Human services was trying to locate the family due to Audra not being in school, and the family was kicked out of relatives home for using drugs at their residence. Arkansas CPS arrived at the home and found children to be walking around in the home with no shoes and the home contained trash everywhere including glass, metal, and old cans. It was determined the family was residing with, belonged to Mr. Malone's mother who is described as a "hoarder." The home had various have piles of items everywhere, blocking hallways and doorways. The children were required to sleep in chairs and the home did not have any running water. The family was using a bucket for a toilet, located on the porch full of feces and urine. Mr. and Mrs. Malone tested positive for methamphetamine and Mrs. Malone tested positive for THC. The children were again placed in state custody in Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Malone were able to regain custody of the children after successfully completing a treatment plan.

A child welfare history check for the family in the state of Oklahoma revealed numerous referrals. In October of 20__ referral #123456 was screened out with allegations of substance abuse. In June of 20__ referral #5698741 with allegations of inadequate or dangerous shelter was screened out. In August of 20__ referral #1234567 was received with allegations of inadequate or dangerous shelter, however, this referral was also screened out. In April of 20__ referral #1234567 was received with allegations of substance abuse, inadequate or dangerous shelter, failure to provide adequate nutrition, and failure to obtain medical care was accepted and a CPS assessment was completed. It was determined services were not needed for the family; however, it was recommended Audra be taken to a doctor for concerns with a cold. In June of 20__ referral #1331328 was received with allegations of neglect-other and lack of supervision as it was reported Arkansas had an open referral for the family with concerns the parents drink all the time; however, the family moved to Oklahoma. A CPS assessment was completed and no concerns were noted. Also in June of 20__ referral #1234567 was screened out with allegations of neglect-other as referral #1234567 was accepted for assessment. In October of 20__ referral #1256789 was received with allegations of neglect-other; however, this referral was screened out as reporting party had no knowledge of the family's whereabouts and allegations appeared to be poor parenting practices. In September of 20__ referral #1345678 was received with allegations of neglect-other as it was believed the family fled from Arkansas while they were being investigated by CPS there. Arkansas CPS was contacted and it was determined Arkansas had closed their case and the family was no longer involved with CPS. Based on this information the referral was screened out. In March of 20__ referral #1448060 was received with allegations of inadequate or dangerous shelter and was accepted for CPS investigation. An investigation was completed with findings of unsubstantiated. In April of 20__ referral #1449070 was received with allegations of inadequate physical care as it was reported Audra had scabies but was being treated by a physician. No previous referrals were found for Mr. Smith except the ones he is listed as an absent parent for Audra.

A criminal history check was performed for Mr. Smith, Mrs. Malone, and Mr. Malone. No criminal history was found for Mr. Smith, but he is listed as a party in custody suit for Audra. Mr. and Mrs. Malone have numerous civil money judgments. Mr. Malone was charged with Domestic abuse in the presence of a minor and interfering with an emergency call on the morning of June 13, 20__. Mrs. Malone was arrested for a public intoxication charge on this morning as well.

3. Child Functioning - How does each child in the home function on a daily basis?

Describe vulnerability, special needs, physical and emotional health, child development status, school performance, peer/social/sibling relationships, role within the family, attachment with PRFC(s), mood and behavior, age appropriate functioning, response to CW intervention, fearfulness, supports, and sexual reactive or acting out behavior, and verbal and social skills. Ensure sleeping arrangements are safe and appropriate.

Audra is 9 years old and will be attending the 3rd grade next year. She has been held back twice due to absences at previous school locations. Audra has been diagnosed with ADHD and is required to take Concerta medication once daily. She does not demonstrate any inability to communicate and has a vast vocabulary for her age. Specialist was able to speak with her without trouble and had no difficulty in understanding her. She showed little response to CPS intervention and was excited to go places with the specialist. When Audra was transported to the foster placement's home she immediately went inside and began to situate her things and play with their toys. She did not appear to be uncomfortable in the foster parent's home despite not knowing the foster parents. Audra appeared to be concerned with her medication and would not allow specialist to handle her medicine- she insisted she give it to the foster parent. Audra insisted she is supposed to take her medication three times daily despite being told several times she was only to take it once daily. When specialist first arrived at the Malone home to begin the investigation, Audra expressed little concern for either Mr. or Mrs. Malone but was concerned as to who would take care of her dogs. Audra was observed comforting her mother and assuring her things would be okay while Mrs. Malone was sitting outside of the home crying. Audra did not cry or ask about either of her parents once removed from the home. She is attached to her sibling Haley and continually reassured Haley things would be okay. Audra refers to her biological father as "Kenny." Audra did run to her father when a visit was scheduled and called him "daddy." Audra was able to contact 911 to report the domestic dispute taking place between her father and mother, and was able to give the dispatcher directions to the home and the locations of her parents. Audra is up to date on her well child exams and immunizations, as she has had them in order to attend school. Audra has been to the dentist before, but does not remember the last time she went.

Haley is the youngest child at 5 years old. Haley should be attending Kindergarten next school year, but has yet to be enrolled. Haley is timid compared to her sister Audra; however, she did not display any fear or anxiety to specialist's presence at the home. During interviews with Haley worker did observe her eyes to get big when she described her daddy being mean to her mommy. Haley did not cry for her mother or father during the incident at the home and did not ask for either of them when being transported to the foster parent's home. Upon arriving at the foster parent's home, Haley immediately went into the room and began to watch cartoons. Haley did not act fearful or concerned when being left at the foster home. Haley does demonstrate to have an adequate vocabulary and communication skills for her age. The foster mother informed Haley will seek Audra's approval before speaking on occasion and Audra is concerned with caring for her younger sister. Haley is behind on her well child exams and immunizations. She has seen a dentist and her baby teeth have all been capped.

4. Discipline - Describe the disciplinary approaches used by each PRFC and under what circumstances?

Describe methods of discipline used, frequency, and purpose of discipline by including examples of appropriate purposes, such as: providing direction, managing behavior, and/or teaching; emotional state of each PRFC when disciplining; each child's perception of discipline methods; PRFCs' agreement on discipline; each PRFC's view of his or her own discipline experience; cultural implications; and if the discipline is based on reasonable expectations of the child and whether it works.

Audra and Haley both indicate they receive timeouts for discipline. They sometime will lose an item or get a spanking. They both described receiving timeouts if they are arguing with each other or being too loud. If they start fighting over a toy, they will get the toy taken away. Sometimes, their toys even get thrown away if they are fighting over them. Audra recalls being spanked "a few times" when she "smarted off" to her mother. She was spanked by her mother, with an open hand, over her clothing. Audra does not recall receiving any injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Malone informed they use taking privileges away or timeout as discipline. Mrs. Malone does spank the children if necessary. Her choice of discipline will depend on their actions. If the girls are fighting with each other for something, she will take the item away, but if they are hitting each other they will be placed in timeout. Spanking is used as a last resort only. Mrs. Malone does not discipline the girls the way she was disciplined as a child because she believes her father hit too hard. Mr. Malone stated he lost privileges as a child and feels this is appropriate for his children. They both agree on the discipline methods and rarely argue over how to correct the girls' behavior. Mr. Smith uses timeout for Audra when she is at his home. He has lots of land at his home and Audra loves to be outside playing, therefore timeout works best for her.

5. Parenting - Describe the overall family values and cultural influences within the family, the overall typical and pervasive parenting practices used by each PRFC.

Discuss each PRFC's knowledge and expectations related to child development and parenting, each PRFC's perceptions of each child, and the tolerance and interaction between each PRFC and each child. This includes a description of the protective capacities of each PRFC and whether or not they are sufficient to keep the child safe.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Malone express love for their children, however, do not demonstrate an ability to protect their children from their alcoholism and the behaviors associated with it. This is demonstrated by both Haley and Audra's acknowledgment that Mr. Malone cannot drink liquor as he gets mean and can only drink beer. They also demonstrate a knowledge that their mother has to hide their liquor from their father because of his behaviors. This is also demonstrated in both Mr. and Mrs. Malone's continued use of alcohol despite the children's previous removals due to alcohol abuse. Mr. and Mrs. Malone failed to consider Audra's basic health needs by not seeking medical care for the toothpick lodged in her foot causing it to become infected. The parents describe doing few activities with their children, as Audra likes to "take care" of Haley. For meals, they often eat fast food or frozen meals. Mrs. Malone has an older son, Jeremy Wilson, who is currently being raised by her mother. Mrs. Malone stated her mother took her son when he was a toddler, because she was allegedly, not caring for him. Mrs. Malone's mother, Mrs. Wilson, stated Mrs. Malone abandoned her son as a toddler and she has been raising him ever since. Visits with Jeremy and Mrs. Malone have been sporadic and she just started allowing overnight visitation this year as Mrs. Malone appeared to be doing well. Mrs. Malone stated she chose not to fight her mother for custody of Jeremy because he had been there so long and she did not wish to "rock his world."

According to collaterals, Mr. and Mrs. Malone have a long history of alcoholism and placing Audra and Haley at risk. Mrs. Janice Wilson stated Mrs. Malone will do really well for a short period and

then will return to her similar behaviors of alcoholism. Mrs. Lindsey Riley, relative of the family, stated while the family was residing with her, Audra fell and busted her head open. Audra was unable to wake her mother because she was passed out from drinking; Audra had to get help from Mrs. Riley when she came home from work a couple hours later. According to Ms. Riley the parents have a history of "passing out" and being unable to care for the children. Mrs. Malone also informed she was able to put out a fire that started in the house, despite being intoxicated; however, Mr. Malone stated he did not believe they were intoxicated as they would not have been unable to wake up and put the fire out.

Mr. Smith informed specialist he loves being a parent. He informed worker that he did not gain knowledge of Audra until 20__ when he learned she was placed in Arkansas state custody. He did request a DNA test be done to verify she was his; however, he has been involved in her life since learning she was his. He will be going to his attorney to hopefully gain full custody of Audra due to concerns about Mrs. Malone and her ability to be a parent, but is waiting for a court date. Mr. Smith has two other children besides Audra that live with him and his wife full time. Mr. Smith expressed there is nothing he wouldn't do for his daughter and was prompt in traveling from McLoud to Tishomingo at 5:00am in the morning when he thought the children would be coming to his home. Mr. Smith stated he would gladly take Haley to keep her from having to be raised in the environment she is living in despite the fact she is not his child.

6. Adult Functioning - answer for each PRFC - How does the adult function with respect to daily life management and general adaptation? What mental health functioning and/or substance use is apparent on a daily basis?

Describe how the PRFC feels, thinks, and acts on a daily basis with focus on functioning and coping skills. Describe the PRFC's coping and stress management abilities, self-control in relationships, problem solving abilities, judgment and decision making, home and financial management, employment history, domestic violence, behavioral and physical health capacity, social and familial support, and cultural norms.

Neither Mr. or Mrs. Malone are currently employed. Mr. Malone has been awarded disability payments due to his back and is now drawing social security. He has been unable to work for several years due to complications with his back and having a degenerative spine. He has prescriptions for Flexaril and Naproxen for pain but has not taken the medication in over a month. He no longer has the medication filled and now uses beer to manage his pain. He drinks 4-5 times per week and drinks 5-6 beers at a time to help control the pain in his back. He begins drinking around 5:00pm and is sober by 9-10:00 pm when the family sits down to eat dinner. Mr. Malone does not drink liquor because he "gets mean" when he drinks liquor. Mr. Malone was employed as a truck driver before the complications with his back started. Mr. Malone denied any mental health diagnosis. He also denied any current usage of drugs, but acknowledged smoking marijuana in the past. Mr. Malone has family in the Noble area that can assist him. He also has a stepfather in the Tishomingo area who been assisting the family.

Mrs. Malone has not been employed since returning to Oklahoma and worked various jobs in the state of Arkansas. She also acknowledged she drinks on a consistent basis. She drinks beer 5-6 times per week and drinks liquor approximately 3 times per week. She drinks vodka and Dr. Pepper and will drink a pint at a time. She did not acknowledge any reasoning for drinking, but stated at the end of the day when she is tired, she will have a drink and it will help her to finish what needs to be done like cleaning or cooking. Mrs. Malone feels she does have a problem with alcohol and was going to seek assistance by enrolling in a gym and replacing the habit of drinking with working out. A note was observed on the family fridge with a phone number and written underneath it a

statement saying "call for help" with "help" underlined three times. The number was to the Marshall County gym. Mrs. Malone did not call the number as they decided to move and she was going to use the move for a fresh start. Mrs. Malone denied any current use of drugs, but stated she was using marijuana when the family resided in Arkansas. Collaterals reported Mr. and Mrs. Malone were using meth while they resided in Arkansas in 20___. Reports received from Arkansas confirmed both Mr. and Mrs. Malone tested positive for meth in 20___, however, they both deny using meth at any time. Mrs. Malone indicates she has been diagnosed with anxiety and was taking Celexa for her anxiety until a month ago when she lost her Soonercare coverage and was no longer able to fill her prescription. She stated she only started taking the Celexa as her anxiety started because of Mr. Smith's wife's constant harassment. Mrs. Malone denied any other mental diagnosis. Mrs. Malone's mother, Janice Wilson, stated Mrs. Malone has been diagnosed as depressive and bipolar but refuses to take medication. Mrs. Malone denied this, but stated she was forced to take medication for bipolar as a teenager and was sent to a Wichita Falls rehab as a teenager. She has not been required to take medication or be in a facility in her adult life. Mrs. Malone has family members she can rely on for help and is aware of community resources available to help the family. Mr. and Mrs. Malone reported they had just purchased a home and 5 acres in the Noble area and will be relocating.

The family is able to provide for the children's basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing with the means of Mr. Malone's disability payment and assistance through OKDHS programs. Mr. and Mrs. Malone report they have been in a relationship with each other since before Audra's birth and both describe their relationship as "happy." They both acknowledge they will argue but only acknowledged that their arguments became physical once before the incident on the morning of the 13th of June. Mrs. Malone stated Mr. Malone slapped her once while drinking when they lived in Arkansas. Mr. Malone stated he grabbed Mrs. Malone on a previous occasion in Arkansas and was told he was choking her. It was unable to be determined if they were referring to two separate incidents or the same incident; however, they both state it occurred in Arkansas about 3 years ago. Mrs. Malone stated Mr. Malone will only become violent when he is drinking liquor and she has not seen him "that mad" in some time.

Mr. Smith stated he has been married to his wife for several years and they have a good relationship. He does not abuse any substances or alcohol, but will drink a beer on occasion while grilling. He has been employed with CVS pharmacy for over 10 years and is moving up from assistant manager to store manager. He denied any violence in his relationship with his wife and denied any criminal history. He was involved with Mrs. Malone for 3 months before she left him and he never heard from her again until 20___ when he learned that Audra may be his daughter. He owns his home in McLoud and is able to provide for the basic needs of his children.

II. Protective Capacities of PRFC(s)

Assess the PRFC's available skills and/or resources that can be mobilized to contribute to the ongoing protection of the child. Protective capacities refer to how a person, thinks, acts, or feels.

Demonstrates a pattern of deferring his or her own needs in order to meet the child(ren)'s needs
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____

Demonstrates an ability to meet child(ren)'s basic and emotional needs
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____

- Shows support/concern for child(ren)'s health, safety, and well being
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Demonstrates necessary skills to meet the child(ren)'s safety needs, chooses to do so, and can specifically describe times in the past when he or she has protected the child(ren)
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Demonstrates he or she is physically capable of protecting the child(ren)
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Demonstrates he or she is emotionally and mentally stable enough to intervene and protect the child(ren)
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Demonstrates the ability to be tolerant, accepting, and understanding of the child(ren)
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Demonstrates an ability to recognize and understand potential safety threats to the child(ren)
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Demonstrates he or she has ability to think reasonably and has a plan to protect the child(ren)
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Demonstrates a positive perception of child(ren) and has appropriate expectations based upon each child's development
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____
- Can readily identify actions necessary to protect the child(ren) from serious harm and has ability to access resources to do so
PRFC # 1 _____ PRFC # 2 _____

Conclusions about the enhanced or diminished PRFC(s)' protective capacities and how they affect the child(ren):

III. Safety Threats/Impending Danger

Identify impending danger or safety threats by thoroughly collecting and assessing information regarding PRFC functioning to sufficiently assess and understand how family conditions occur.

Note: Impending danger exists only when the family conditions:

- are out of control;

- are severe;
- are specific and observable;
- are certain to happen in the next several days; and
- involve a child who is vulnerable either through age, disability, or inability to self-protect.

1. Living arrangements seriously endanger a child's physical health

This safety threat refers to conditions in the home that create life-threatening conditions or threaten to seriously endanger a child’s physical health. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

2. PRFC(s) in the home lack the knowledge, skills, motivation, or abilities to perform parental duties and responsibilities

This refers to basic parenting that directly affects a child's safety. It includes the PRFC's failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, supervision, and/or protection from harm. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

3. PRFC(s) intends or intended to hurt the child

This refers to a PRFC who acts in a way that will result in pain and suffering. "Intended" suggests before or during the time the child was mistreated, the PRFC's conscious purpose was to hurt the child. This threat must be distinguished from an incident in which the PRFC meant to discipline or punish the child, and the child was inadvertently hurt. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

4. PRFC(s) does not have resources to meet basic needs

"Basic needs" refers to the family's lack of: (1) minimal resources to provide shelter, food, and clothing; or (2) the capacity to use resources when they were available. The lack of resources must be so acute that their absence could have a severe effect right away. The absence of these basic resources could cause injury, serious medical or physical health problems, starvation, or serious malnutrition. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

5. Child has exceptional needs the PRFC(s) cannot or will not meet

"Exceptional" refers to specific child conditions, such as intellectual disability, blindness, or physical ability, either organic or naturally induced, as opposed to parentally induced. By not addressing the child's exceptional needs, the PRFC will not or cannot meet the child's basic needs. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

6. Child is extremely fearful of the home situation

To meet this criterion, the child's fear must be obvious, extreme, and related to some perceived danger that child feels or experiences. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

7. PRFC(s) is violent and/or is unwilling or unable to control the violence

Violence refers to aggression, fighting, brutality, cruelty, and hostility. It may be actively occurring or certain to occur in the near future. The PRFC exhibits violence that is unmanaged and/or unpredictable. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

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Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

8. PRFC(s) cannot or will not control behavior

There must be specific information to suggest that a PRFC's impulsive, addictive, bizarre, compulsive, depressive, and/or similar behaviors cannot be controlled by the individual or anyone else in the household. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

9. PRFC(s) has extremely unrealistic expectations or an extremely negative perception of the child

"Extremely" refers to a perception so negative that, when present, it creates child safety concerns and/or the perception or expectation of the child is totally unreasonable and/or rigid. Yes No

Child(ren)	Associated PRFC(s)

Describe specific behaviors and/or conditions associated with this threat and how they affect the child(ren):

IV. Safety Decision

Child(ren) is (select one):

- SAFE** - Based on the safety assessment, there is a determination that all of the children are in an environment without any safety threats or where threats are being managed by a protective PRFC.
- UNSAFE** - Based on the safety assessment, there is a determination at least one of the the child(ren) is, or is believed to be in an environment with safety threats and without a protective PRFC.
- Not Applicable** Unable to locate, failure to cooperate, or child death.

Comments/Summary when safe:

CW specialist signature

Date

CW supervisor signature

Date

V. Safety Threat Intervention

Check each step taken to protect the child(ren).

- Child death – no sibling
- Family-centered services case (FCS) –
 - Poor prognosis indicators per FCS policy evaluated and discussed with supervisor
CW supervisor signature _____ Date _____
- In home safety plan
- Out-of-home safety plan
- Recommend court involvement for a deprived petition.

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Date

CW supervisor signature

Date

Services

Services provided:

Comments:

Services recommended:

Comments: