

Brief Trauma Screening Tool (Under Age 6)

GRTICN Version

Child's Name _____ OASIS # _____
 CPS Ongoing Foster Care Prevention Locality: _____ Worker Name: _____

SECTION 1: QUESTIONS ABOUT POTENTIALLY TRAUMATIC EVENTS

A. Is the CW Worker or caregiver aware of or suspect the child has experienced?

- Physical maltreatment or assault
- Sexual maltreatment or assault/rape
- Emotional maltreatment
- Basic physical needs not met
- Serious accident/illness/medical procedure
- Exposure to school violence and/or severe bullying
- Exposure to domestic violence
- Exposure to drug/substance abuse or related activity
- Incarceration and/or witnessing arrest of primary caregiver
- Traumatic death of a loved one
- Immigration trauma
- Natural disaster/war/terrorism
- Multiple separations from/or changes in primary caregiver
- Homelessness
- Exposure to community violence
- Human Trafficking Exposure
- Other: _____ None

SECTION 2: QUESTIONS FOR CW WORKER/CAREGIVER (check if occurred within the last six months)

A. Does the child show any of these behaviors?

- Excessive aggression or violence toward property, animals, or others (including bullying)
- Preoccupied with violent and/or sexual interests
- Explosive behaviors (excessive and prolonged tantrums)
- Disorganized behavioral states (i.e., attention, play)
- Very withdrawn and/or excessively shy
- Bossy and demanding behavior with adults and peers
- Sexual behavior not typical for child's age
- Sleeping problems
- Eating problems
- Regressed behavior (i.e., toileting, play)
- Recurring physical complaints with no apparent cause
- Difficulty with self soothing
- Other: _____
- None

B. Does the child exhibit the following emotions/moods?

- Very flat affect and/or withdrawn behavior
- Excessive worry
- Quick, explosive anger
- Chronic sadness and/or doesn't seem to enjoy any activities
- Other: _____
- None

C. Does the child have relational and/or attachment difficulties?

- Lack of eye contact
- Sad or empty eyed appearance
- Overly friendly with strangers (lack of appropriate stranger anxiety)
- Alternates between clinginess and disengagement and/or aggression
- Failure to reciprocate (i.e., hugs, smiles, vocalization, play)
- Failure to seek comfort when hurt or frightened
- Other: _____
- None

D. Does the child have problems in childcare/school?

- Difficulty with authority
- Attention problems
- Difficulty with following instructions
- Difficulty interacting with peers
- Frequent calls or notes home about behaviors
- Other childcare/school concerns: _____
- None

SECTION 3: CW WORKER DECISION AND ACTION TAKEN

DECISION: Screened-in for possible trauma exposure (Section 1) Yes No
and/or symptoms (Section 2) Yes No

ACTION: Referred to clinician for trauma-informed mental health assessment
(check one) WHICH AGENCY: _____
 Referred for other MH Assessment, specify: _____
 No referral at this time because: _____

GUIDANCE FOR NEXT STEPS:

- ▶ If both sections 1 and 2 have any items checked, child should be referred for a trauma-informed mental health assessment.
- ▶ If only one section has items checked, CW Worker to discuss next steps with CW Supervisor.

Information provided by: _____

Completed by (Name and date): _____

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SECTION 1: QUESTIONS ABOUT POTENTIALLY TRAUMATIC EVENTS

- A. Is the CW Worker or caregiver aware of or suspect the child has experienced?
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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical maltreatment or assault | <input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration and/or witnessing arrest of primary caregiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual maltreatment or assault/rape | <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic death of a loved one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional maltreatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration trauma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic physical needs not met | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural disaster/war/terrorism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serious accident/illness/medical procedure | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple separations from/or changes in primary caregiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to school violence and/or severe bullying | <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to community violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to drug/substance abuse or related activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking Exposure |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None |
- B. **TYPICAL SCRIPT TO CHILD: "Sometimes, very scary or upsetting things happen to people. These are times where someone was hurt very badly or killed, or could have been."** (if yes below, check applicable item above)
- Yes No 1. Have you ever been hit, punched, and/or kicked very hard at home (exclude ordinary fights between brothers and sisters)?
- Yes No 2. Have you ever seen a family member being hit, punched, and/or kicked very hard?
- Yes No 3. Have you ever had an adult or someone bigger or older than you touch, or try to touch, you in areas that a bathing suit covers, or want you to touch them in those areas?
4. Tell me about any other scary things that have happened that we haven't already talked about.
- Did not answer Event disclosed in the previous three screening questions None occurred
- New event (traumatic) New event (not traumatic: does not fall into categories of IA) **Specify:** _____
- C. Did the four screening questions in 1B above reveal a scary, dangerous or violent (i.e., potentially traumatic) experience that was **unknown to you?** Yes No If yes, did it require a new CPS referral Yes No

SECTION 2: QUESTIONS FOR CW WORKER/CAREGIVER (check if occurred within the last six months)

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| A. Does the child show any of these behaviors? | B. Does the child exhibit the following emotions/moods? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentioned suicide or acted in a potentially life-threatening way | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic sadness and/or doesn't seem to enjoy any activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deliberately harms self (cutting, burning, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive mood swings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive aggression or violence toward property, animals, or others (including bullying) | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive worry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preoccupied with violent and/or sexual interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat affect and/or withdrawn behavior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosive behaviors (Going from 0-100 out of nowhere) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tense and/or uptight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative, hostile or defiant behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty expressing feelings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug or alcohol use | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick, explosive anger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Other emotional/mood concerns : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating problems (refusal, hoarding, stuffing, vomiting, eating nonfood) | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperactivity, distractibility, inattention, impulsivity | C. Is the child having problems in school? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appears to be spacey and/or daydreams | <input type="checkbox"/> Low grades/academic decline |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn or excessively shy | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual behavior not typical for child's age | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring physical complaints with no apparent cause | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent trips to Principal's office and/or suspensions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other behavioral concerns: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Absences from school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Other school concerns: _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> None |

SECTION 3: SOCIAL WORKER DECISION AND ACTION TAKEN

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 and/or symptoms (Section 2) Yes No

ACTION: (check one) Referred to clinician for trauma-informed mental health assessment
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