

Desk Reference for Supervisors

Colorado Family Safety Assessment	
Area of Assessment	Questions to Elicit Critical Thinking from Staff
Section 1: General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What household are you assessing? How did you identify the primary versus secondary caregivers?
Section 2: Current or Impending Danger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What specific areas of current or impending danger exist? For each area of danger identified, how are the 5 safety threshold criteria met (e.g., specific and observable threat, out-of-control, child is vulnerable to the threat of harm, harm is likely to occur if not controlled, potential of moderate to severe harm)?
Section 2A: Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What informed your decision about how to proceed in completing the tool with the family?
Section 2B: Initial Family Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How was the family engaged in completing this assessment?
Section 3: Caregivers' Strengths/ Protective Capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What specific strengths or protective capacities exist within the family system? What will tell you that these strengths or protective capacities have evolved into action of protection demonstrated over time?
Section 4: Caregivers' Functioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are the caregivers' functioning on a day-to-day basis? What are the parenting and disciplinary practices used by the caregivers? How does the caregiver's cultural beliefs or practices influence his or her parenting or disciplinary practices?
Section 5: Child/Youth's Vulnerabilities and Functioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are the children/youth functioning on a day-to-day basis? What areas of vulnerability have been identified for the children/youth in the home? What did you learn from the family about these vulnerabilities? How do these areas of vulnerability need to be considered in your assessment?
Section 6: Actions That Responded to the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What areas of current or impending danger were identified with the family?

Current or Impending Danger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If there was danger identified, how do you know the caregiver(s)' strengths and protective capacities mitigate the identified danger?
Section 7: Safety Intervention Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What type of plan can reasonably be expected to control for all identified danger? ▪ What tells you a safety plan <i>or</i> human/social service custody is the best plan for this family?
Section 8: Safety Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What safety responses have you identified with the family? ▪ Who will be actively involved in carrying out the plan? ▪ How will you know the safety plan is working? How will you know when the safety plan can end?

Colorado Family Risk Assessment	
Area of Assessment	Enhancing Critical Thinking in Staff
General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What household are you assessing? ▪ How did you identify the primary versus secondary caregivers?
Case & Caregiver Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What characteristics about this family or the involved caregivers might contribute to <i>preventing</i> future maltreatment? ▪ What characteristics about this family or the involved caregivers might possibly <i>create risk</i> for the children in the future if not mitigated?
Risk Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What risk factors were identified with the family? ▪ What is your plan for working with the family in the future to mitigate the identified risk factors?
Scored Risk Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the family's scored risk level? What does that tell you? ▪ If the family's risk level is "high," when will you be holding the required family engagement meeting to discuss this further?
Closing Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What did you learn about this family from completing the risk assessment with them? ▪ How will you use this information to inform your next steps?