

SSIS Workgroup Name #: _____

Assessed By: _____ Assessment Date: ____/____/____

Tool Status: _____ Finalized Date: ____/____/____

Primary Caregiver: _____ Secondary Caregiver: _____

A. REUNIFICATION RISK REASSESSMENT

	Score																				
R1. Final risk level on most recent family assessment/investigation (AFTER OVERRIDES)																					
<input type="radio"/> a. Low	0																				
<input type="radio"/> b. Moderate	3																				
<input type="radio"/> c. High	4																				
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<input type="radio"/> b. Yes – new family assessment with a need for child protective services.....	4																				
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Total Score																					

Scored Risk Level	Overrides
Assign the family's risk level based on total score: <input type="checkbox"/> Low (-2 to 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate (2 to 3) <input type="checkbox"/> High (4 and above)	<input type="radio"/> No Override Mark if any apply to the current reassessment period. Increases risk level to high. <input type="radio"/> 1. Prior sexual abuse; offender has access to child(ren) <input type="radio"/> 2. Cases with non-accidental physical injury to an infant <input type="radio"/> 3. Serious non-accidental physical injury requiring hospital or medical treatment <input type="radio"/> 4. Death of a sibling as a result of abuse or neglect Increase or decrease scored risk level by one level. <input type="radio"/> 5. Discretionary Override: _____

OVERRIDE RISK LEVEL: Low Moderate High

B. ENGAGEMENT WITH VISITATION PLAN (Complete for each child.)

Child 1: _____ **No visitation plan** (visitation rating: unacceptable)

Attendance	Quality of Face-to-Face Visit				Overrides
	Strong	Adequate	Limited	Destructive	
Consistent (90–100% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy override from acceptable to unacceptable: Visitation is supervised for safety <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No Override
Routine (65–89% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sporadic (26–64% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rare or Never (0–25% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Shaded cells indicate acceptable visitation.

Child 2: _____ **No visitation plan** (visitation rating: unacceptable)

Attendance	Quality of Face-to-Face Visit				Overrides
	Strong	Adequate	Limited	Destructive	
Consistent (90–100% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy override from acceptable to unacceptable: Visitation is supervised for safety <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No Override
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Sporadic (26–64% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rare or Never (0–25% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Child 3: _____ **No visitation plan** (visitation rating: unacceptable)

Attendance	Quality of Face-to-Face Visit				Overrides
	Strong	Adequate	Limited	Destructive	
Consistent (90–100% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy override from acceptable to unacceptable: Visitation is supervised for safety <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No Override
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Rare or Never (0–25% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Child 4: _____ **No visitation plan** (visitation rating: unacceptable)

Attendance	Quality of Face-to-Face Visit				Overrides
	Strong	Adequate	Limited	Destructive	
Consistent (90–100% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy override from acceptable to unacceptable: Visitation is supervised for safety <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No Override
Routine (65–89% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sporadic (26–64% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rare or Never (0–25% of visits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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C. REUNIFICATION SAFETY ASSESSMENT (If risk level is low or moderate and parents have attained at least an acceptable level of engagement with the visitation plan, complete a reunification safety assessment. Otherwise go to Section D. Permanency Plan Goal Recommendation.)

Part 1: Safety Factor Identification (Assessment must include a home visit.)

Directions: The following is a list of factors that *may be associated with a child(ren) being in danger of serious harm*. **Identify the presence or absence of each factor by selecting either “Yes” or “No” if factor applies to any child in the household or to be returned to the household.**
Note: The vulnerability of each child needs to be considered throughout the assessment.

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|-----|-----|----|--|
| 1. | Yes | No | Caregiver current behavior is violent or out of control. |
| 2. | Yes | No | Caregiver describes or acts toward child in predominantly negative terms or has extremely unrealistic expectations. |
| 3. | Yes | No | Caregiver caused serious physical harm to the child or has made a plausible threat to cause serious physical harm. |
| 4. | Yes | No | The family refuses access to the child, or there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee, or the child’s whereabouts cannot be ascertained. |
| 5. | Yes | No | Caregiver has not, or will not, provide supervision necessary to protect child from potentially serious harm. |
| 6. | Yes | No | Caregiver is unwilling, or is unable to provide supervision or to meet the child’s immediate needs for food, clothing, shelter, and/or medical or mental health care. |
| 7. | Yes | No | Caregiver has previously maltreated a child and the severity of the maltreatment, or the caregiver’s response to the previous incident(s), suggests that child safety may be an immediate concern. |
| 8. | Yes | No | Child is fearful of caregiver(s), other family members, or other people living in or having access to the home. |
| 9. | Yes | No | The child’s physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening. |
| 10. | Yes | No | Child sexual abuse is suspected and circumstances suggest that child safety may be an immediate concern. |
| 11. | Yes | No | Caregiver(s)’ drug or alcohol use seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child. |
| 12. | Yes | No | Other safety factor (specify): _____ |

**IF ALL SAFETY FACTORS ARE “NO,” PROCEED TO PART 4 AND SELECT SAFETY DECISION “SAFE.”
IF ANY SAFETY FACTOR IS “YES,” PROCEED TO PART 2.**

Part 2: Safety Factor Description

Directions: For all safety factors with “Yes” selected, note the applicable safety factor number; then briefly describe the specific individual behaviors, conditions, and/or circumstances associated with that particular safety factor.

Part 3: Safety Response (Completed only if any safety factor in Part 1 is marked “Yes.”)

For each factor identified in Part 1, consider the resources available within the family and the community that might help to keep the child safe. Select each intervention taken to protect the child and explain below. Describe all protecting safety interventions taken or immediately planned by you or anyone else, and explain how each intervention protects (or protected) each child. Safety responses 1–5 lead to a safety decision of “Conditionally Safe.” Safety response 6 indicates a safety decision of “Unsafe.”

- 1. Use family resources, neighbors, or other individuals in the community as safety resources.
- 2. Use community agencies or services as safety resources.
- 3. Have the alleged offender leave the home, either voluntarily or in response to legal action.
- 4. Have the non-maltreating caregiver move to a safe environment with the child.
- 5. Other: _____
- 6. Continuation of out-of-home placement services – No appropriate safety response identified to support an in-home safety plan. One or more children would be “unsafe” if returned to the reunification household.

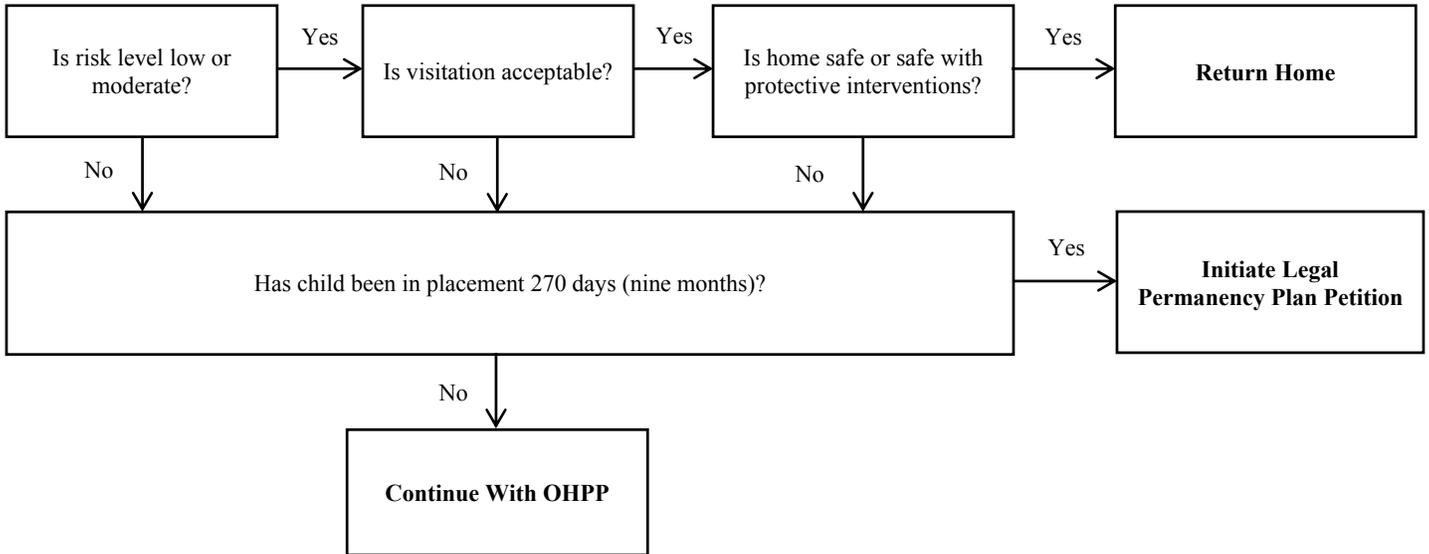
For each intervention selected, describe all protecting interventions taken or immediately planned by you or anyone else, and explain how each intervention protects (or protected) each child.

Part 4: Safety Decision

Identify your safety decision by selecting the appropriate line below. Select one decision only. This decision should be based on the assessment of all safety factors, protecting interventions, and any other information known about this case.

- A. Safe:** No children are likely to be in immediate danger of serious harm in the assessed reunification household.
- B. Conditionally Safe:** Controlling safety interventions have been implemented since the report was received, and those interventions will adequately provide for the child’s safety for the immediate future in the assessed reunification household.
- C. Unsafe:** Child(ren) is likely to be in danger of immediate harm in the assessed reunification household.

D. PERMANENCY PLAN GOAL RECOMMENDATION (Complete for each child)



Overrides:

- Policy: The recommendation is “Continue With OHPP” but conditions exist to recommend termination of out-of-home placement plan services – change to “Initiate Legal Permanency Plan Petition.”
- Discretionary Override (specify): _____
- No Override

E. RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

Child	Final Permanency Plan Goal Recommendation (select one per child)		
	Return Home	Continue With OHPP	Initiate Legal Permanency Plan Petition
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

- c. Periodic demonstration/inconsistent engagement. The caregiver may have made some progress on case plan objectives but is not yet demonstrating sufficient behavioral change to address needs related to safety and protection of the children. Participation in pursuing outcomes in the case plan has been minimal or sporadic. Caregivers who are demonstrating some progress toward case plan objectives, but insufficient progress overall, should be scored here.
- d. Rare or no demonstration/no engagement. This includes complete refusal to participate in services or activities or participation that has failed to result in behavior change.

R3. Has there been a new screened-in report with a finding of need of protective services or determination during the review period?

Answer yes or no based on whether, during the review period, a screened-in report has resulted in a finding of “Need of Protective Services” and/or a determination of abuse/neglect in the reunification household where an adult in that household was identified as the person who abused or neglected a child at the time of the report.

SECTION B. ENGAGEMENT WITH VISITATION PLAN

Attendance

- Consistent:** Caregiver regularly attends visits for the duration or calls in advance to reschedule (90–100% compliance).
- Routine:** Caregiver may miss visits occasionally and rarely requests to reschedule visits (65–89% compliance).
- Sporadic:** Caregiver misses or reschedules many scheduled visits (26–64% compliance).
- Rare or Never:** Caregiver does not visit or attends 25% or fewer of the allowed visits (0–25% compliance).

Quality of Face-to-Face Visits

Quality of visit is based on social worker’s direct observation of parent-child interaction, conversations with the child, reports from foster parents, and reports from other professionals who are part of the visitation team.

Strong	Adequate	Limited	Destructive
<i>Consistently:</i>	<i>Routinely:</i>	<i>Sporadically:</i>	<i>Rarely or Never:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates parental role. • Demonstrates responsiveness to child’s developmental needs. • Responds appropriately to child’s verbal/non-verbal signals. • Puts child’s needs ahead of his/her own. • Shows empathy toward child. 			

SECTION C. SAFETY REASSESSMENT

Part 1: Safety Factor Identification

1. Caregiver's current behavior is violent or out of control.

- Extreme physical or verbal, angry or hostile outbursts at child.
- Use of brutal or bizarre punishment (e.g., scalding with hot water, burning with cigarettes, forced feeding).
- Domestic violence likely to have a negative impact on the child.
- Use of guns, knives, or other instruments in a violent way.
- Shakes or chokes baby or young child to stop a particular behavior.
- Behavior that seems out of touch with reality, fanatical, or bizarre.
- Behavior that seems to indicate a serious lack of self-control (e.g., reckless, unstable, raving, explosive).

2. Caregiver describes or acts toward child in predominantly negative terms or has extremely unrealistic expectations.

- Describes child as evil, stupid, ugly, or in some other demeaning or degrading manner.
- Curses and/or repeatedly puts child down.
- Scapegoats a particular child in the family.
- Expects a child to perform or act in a way that is impossible or improbable for the child's age (e.g., babies and young children expected not to cry, expected to be still for extended periods, expected to be toilet trained or eat neatly, expected to care for younger siblings, expected to stay alone).
- Child is seen by either parent as responsible for the parents' problems.
- Uses sexualized language to describe child or in name calling (e.g., whore, slut, etc.).

3. Caregiver caused serious physical harm to the child or has made a plausible threat to cause serious physical harm.

- Caregiver caused serious non-accidental abuse or injury (e.g., fractures, poisoning, suffocating, shooting, burns, bruises/welts, bite marks, choke marks, etc.).
- An action, inaction, or threat which would result in serious harm (e.g., kill, starve, lock out of home, etc.).
- Plans to retaliate against child for CPS assessment.
- Caregiver has used torture or physical force which bears no resemblance to reasonable discipline, or punished child beyond the duration of the child's endurance.
- One or both parents fear they will maltreat child and/or request placement.

4. The family refuses access to the child, there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee and/or the child's whereabouts cannot be ascertained.

- Family has previously fled in response to a CPS assessment.
- Family has removed child from a hospital against medical advice.
- Family has history of keeping child at home, away from peers, school, or other outsiders for extended periods.

5. Caregiver has not, or will not, provide supervision necessary to protect child from potentially serious harm.

- Caregiver does not attend to child to the extent that need for care goes unnoticed or unmet (e.g., although caregiver is present, child wanders outdoors alone, plays with dangerous objects, plays on unprotected window ledge, or is exposed to other serious hazards).
- Caregiver leaves child alone (time period varies with age and developmental stage).
- Caregiver makes inadequate and/or inappropriate babysitting or child care arrangements or demonstrates very poor planning for child's care.
- Parents' whereabouts are unknown.

6. Caregiver is unwilling, or is unable, to meet the child's immediate needs for food, clothing, shelter, and/or medical or mental health care.

- No food provided or available to child, or child starved or deprived of food or drink for prolonged periods.
- Child without minimally warm clothing in cold months.
- No housing or emergency shelter; child must or is forced to sleep in the street, car, etc.; housing is unsafe, without heat, etc.
- Caregiver does not seek treatment for child's immediate and dangerous medical condition(s) or does not follow prescribed treatment for such condition(s).
- Child appears malnourished.
- Child has exceptional needs, which parents cannot/will not meet.
- Child is suicidal and parents will not take protective action.
- Child shows effects of maltreatment, such as serious emotional symptoms and lack of behavior control or serious physical symptoms.

7. Caregiver has previously maltreated a child and the severity of the maltreatment, or the caregiver's response to the previous incident(s), suggests that child safety may be an immediate concern.

- Previous maltreatment that was serious enough to cause or could have caused severe injury or harm.
- Caregiver has retaliated or threatened retribution against child for past incidents.
- Escalating pattern of maltreatment.
- Caregiver does not acknowledge or take responsibility for prior inflicted harm to the child or explains incident(s) as justified.
- Both parents cannot/do not explain injuries and/or conditions.

8. Child is fearful of caregiver(s), other family members, or other people living in or having access to the home.

- Child cries, cowers, cringes, trembles, or otherwise exhibits fear in the presence of certain individuals or verbalizes such fear.

- Child exhibits severe anxiety (i.e., nightmares, insomnia) related to situation(s) associated with a person(s) in the home.
- Child has reasonable fears of retribution or retaliation from caregivers.

9. The child's physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening.

- Leaking gas from stove or heating unit.
- Dangerous substances or objects stored in unlocked lower shelves or cabinets, under sink or in open.
- Lack of water or utilities (heat, plumbing, electricity) and no alternate provisions made, or alternate provisions are inappropriate (e.g., stove, unsafe space heaters for heat).
- Open/broken/missing windows.
- Exposed electrical wires.
- Excessive garbage or rotted or spoiled food which threatens health.
- Serious illness or significant injury has occurred due to living conditions and these conditions still exist (e.g., lead poisoning, rat bites).
- Evidence of human or animal waste throughout living quarters.
- Guns and other weapons are not locked.

10. Child sexual abuse is suspected and circumstances suggest that child safety may be an immediate concern.

- Access by possible or confirmed offender to child continues to exist.
- It appears that caregiver or other has committed rape, sodomy, or has had other sexual contact with child.
- Caregiver or others have forced or encouraged child to engage in sexual performances or activities.

11. Caregiver's drug or alcohol use seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.

Caregiver has misused a drug(s) or alcoholic beverage(s) to the extent that control of his or her actions is lost or significantly impaired. As a result, the caregiver is unable, or will likely be unable, to care for the child, has harmed the child, or is likely to harm the child.

12. Other safety factor (specify):

Possible examples:

- Child’s behavior likely to provoke caregiver to harm the child.
- Unexplained injuries.
- Abuse or neglect related to child death, or unexplained child death.
- Serious allegations with significant discrepancies or contradictions by caregiver, or between caregiver and collateral contacts.
- Caregiver refuses to cooperate or is evasive.
- Criminal behavior occurring in the presence of the child, or the child is forced to commit a crime(s) or engage in criminal behavior.

Part 3: Safety Response

1. Use family resources, neighbors, or other individuals in the community as safety resources.

Applying the family’s own strengths as resources to mitigate safety concerns; using extended family members, neighbours or other individuals to mitigate safety concerns. Examples include but are not limited to kinship services; family’s agreement to use nonviolent means of discipline; engaging a grandparent to assist with child care; agreement by a neighbour to serve as a safety net for an older child; commitment by a 12-step sponsor to meet with the caregiver daily and call the social worker if the caregiver has used or missed a meeting; or the caregiver’s decision to have the child spend a night or a few days with a friend or relative.

2. Use community agencies or services as safety resources.

Involving community-based organizations (e.g., local food banks), faith-related organizations, or other departmental programs (e.g., housing, income support), or governmental services (immediate psychiatric assessments, addiction assessment) in activities to address safety concerns. DOES NOT INCLUDE long-term therapy or treatment or being put on a waiting list for services.

3. Have the alleged offender leave the home, either voluntarily or in response to legal action.

Temporary or permanent removal of the alleged perpetrator. Examples include but are not limited to arrest of alleged perpetrator, non-perpetrating caregiver “kicking out” alleged perpetrator who has no legal right to residence, or perpetrator agrees to leave. (Consider whether the non-offending caregiver has the capacity to prevent the offending caregiver from returning.)

4. **Have the non-maltreating caregiver move to a safe environment with the child.**
A caregiver not suspected of harming the child has taken or plans to take the child to an alternate location where there will be no access by the suspected perpetrator. Examples include but are not limited to transition home, home of a friend or relative, or hotel.
5. **Other (Specify)**
The family or social worker identified a unique intervention for an identified safety concern that does not fit within items 1–4.
6. **Continuation of out-of-home placement services – No appropriate safety response identified to support an in-home safety plan. One or more children would be “unsafe” if returned to the reunification household.**