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Iowa Juvenile Court Services
Title IV-E Candidacy for Foster Care Eligibility Screening

Date of Report:

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JCO:

A child who is candidate for foster care is a child who is at imminent risk for placement in foster care but who can remain safely at home or in a kinship placement with the provision of appropriate services. This screening tool is a structured approach for JCOs to determine if a child is a candidate for foster care and therefore eligible for Title IV-E prevention services.

Client Name		JJ#	
Pre-Screening Questions			
1.	Is child under the age of 18?		
2.	Is child discharging from a foster care placement?		
3.	Have you petitioned the court for removal of the child from his/her home?		
4.	Is the child in foster care pregnant or parenting foster youth?		

Child Screening			Score
1.	Previous out-of-home placements		0
2.	Developmental delays		0
3.	Social or emotional deficits		0
4.	Physical or cognitive disabilities		0
5.	Victim of physical, emotional or sexual abuse		0
6.	Victim of neglect		0
7.	Increasing pattern of delinquent behavior		0
8.	History of or current substance abuse problem		0
9.	Exhibits sexually problematic behavior		0
10.	Based on the child's offense is the child a risk to self or others?		0
11.	Child's IDA level		0
Total Score			0

Parent/Caregiver Screening Questions			Score
1.	Substance abuse problem		0
2.	Mental illness		0
3.	Lack of social supports or connections		0
4.	History of child maltreatment		0
5.	Involvement in criminal conduct/activity		0
6.	Home environment is characterized by violence and/or conflict		0
7.	Deficits in parenting skills (behavior management, communication, supervision, possitive interaction/engagement)		0
Total Score			0

Score Totals	Possible	Actual
Child	12	0
Parent/Caregiver	7	0
Comprehensive Score Total	19	0
Candidacy Scoring Threshold ** 0-5 Not at imminent risk for foster care placement. ** 6-18 At risk of foster care placement.		

Candidate for Foster Care Determination

A comprehensive assessment and prevention plan will be completed by the Juvenile Court Officer to further clarify the child and family strengths and needs and identify the appropriate prevention services necessary for the child to remain safely in his/her home.

Screening Support Documentation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Delinquency Records
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Records
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Interview
<input type="checkbox"/> Collateral Contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Caregiver Criminal Records
<input type="checkbox"/> Child School Records
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Caregiver Interview |
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Juvenile Court Officer

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