

Non-Offending Parent/Adult Victim Domestic Violence Assessment Tool

Case Name: _____ Case #: _____ Date: _____

The purpose of this tool is to help assess safety, risk, strengths and needs. It may be used to assist in decision making and service planning during any stage of the CPS case (assessment through case planning and case management) in conjunction with the required Structured Decision Making Tools. The tool is designed for use with the Non-offending Parent/Adult Victim.

Power and Control: His or her answers should provide useful information about the power and control within the relationship. If the answers indicate that violence is present in the family, continued assessment of severity and potential lethality is needed.

According to the NOP/AV, how often does/is he or she	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Feel the relationship with his or her partner is a safe one?				
Involved in making decisions in the relationship?				
Feel free to do, think and believe what he or she wants?				
Experience his or her partner acting jealous or possessive?				
Feel afraid of his or her partner?				
Experience his or her partner using physical force against him or her (pushed, pulled, slapped, punched or kicked)?				
Afraid for the safety of the children?				

Danger: The following questions will help to assess patterns, frequency, and whether the children and/or non-offending parent/adult victim is in danger. A "non-never" answer to 4 or more of the following indicates a pattern exists.

According to the NOP/AV, how often has the Perpetrator of DV	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Prevented him or her from going to work / school / church?				
Prevented him or her from seeing friends or family?				
Listened in on his or her phone calls or has his or her privacy violated in other ways?				
Followed him or her?				
Accused him or her of being unfaithful?				
Controlled or stolen his or her money?				
Called him or her degrading names?				
Emotionally insulted him or her?				
Humiliated him or her at home or in public?				
Destroyed his or her possessions?				
Broken furniture?				

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According to the NOP/AV, how often has the Perpetrator of DV	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Pulled the telephone out?				
Threatened to injure him or her, him or herself, the children, or others?				
Exhibited reckless behavior (drove too fast with him or her and/or children in the car				
Behaved violently in public?				
Been arrested for violent crimes?				
Prevented him or her from using birth control?				
Withheld sex?				
Hurt her during pregnancy?				
Forced him or her to engage in prostitution or pornography?				
Forced him or her to use drugs?				

Assessing Potential Lethality: The following questions help assess level of potential lethality. A “non-never” answer to any of the following indicates an increased risk of potential lethality.

According to the NOP/AV, how often has the DV Perpetrator	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Threatened to use or has used a weapon?				
Threatened to, or has, harmed or kidnapped the child(ren)?				
Threatened to kill him or her, the child(ren) or commit suicide?				
Stalked him or her or the child(ren)?				
Hit, slapped, pushed, kicked, strangled, or burned him or her?				
Escalated the abuse in severity or frequency?				
Abused alcohol or other drugs?				
Forced him or her or the child(ren) to flee?				
Forced him or her to perform sexual acts?				

Assessing Risk to Children: The following questions will help you assess the level of risk to the children.

According to the NOP/AV, how often has the DV Perpetrator	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Called the child degrading names?				
Threatened to take the children from his or her care?				
Called or threatened to call a child protection agency?				
Accused him or her of being an unfit parent?				
Threatened to hurt or kill the child?				
Touched the child in a way that made him or her feel uncomfortable?				

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According to the NOP/AV, how often has the DV Perpetrator	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Assaulted him or her while he or she was holding the child?				
Asked the child to tell him what he or she does during the day?				
Forced the child to participate in or watch the abuse of him or her?				
Withheld money for child's food, medicine, health care?				

According to the NOP/AV, how often have the children	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Overheard the yelling and/or violence?				
Behaved in ways that remind him or her of his or her partner?				
Physically hurt him or her or other family members?				
Tried to protect him or her?				
Tried to stop the violence?				
Threatened to or has hurt him or herself?				
Hurt pets?				
Been fearful of leaving him or her alone?				
Exhibited physical/behavioral problems at home/school/day care?				

Follow up questions concerning what the NOP/AV believes is the affect of DV on the children

How does he or she believe the children have been affected by domestic violence?

What does he or she believe would keep the children and him or herself safe?

Use of Interventions: Answers to the following questions provide an understanding of the non-offending parent/adult victim's history of seeking help, and can assist in recognizing which types of support and services are deemed "helpful" and accessible by the non-offending parent/adult victim.

According to the NOP/AV, how often has he or she	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Told anyone about the abuse?				
Seen a professional?				
Left home as a result of the abuse?				
Called the police?				
Filed for a DVPO?				
Accessed a battered woman's group or domestic violence shelter?				
Protected him or herself and/or the child(ren)?				
Experienced a high level of danger posed by the perpetrator of DV to himself or herself and/or the children?				
Experienced an increased capacity of the DV perpetrator to inflict injury or harm to himself or herself and/or the children?				
Experienced any injuries or health problems caused by current or past abuse?				