



CHILDREN'S SERVICES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SCREENING TOOL

Domestic Violence screening is required for all families with Children's Services involvement, regardless of allegations. If the answer is yes to any of the questions below, complete the DV Protocol. Interview household members separately. The suspected batterer should not be confronted in front of the victim or children. The safety of the victim and children is paramount. Engage victim in safety planning and explore options on how to hold the batterer accountable. Consult with Supervisor, DV Specialist and the appropriate Children's Services or agency legal staff.

Check the left-hand box if any of the conditions apply. Document on the right the name of the person being interviewed and any other comments.

Check here if none of the conditions apply:

Would you describe your partner (Paramour, Significant Other) as?

- Jealous
- Controlling

Has your partner...?

- Made you feel unsafe
- Made you feel afraid
- Interfered with you ability to parent
- Threatened you
- Hit you
- Hurt you

Child Protective Specialist observation of the household that may suggest domestic violence:

History of Domestic Violence:

- Parent reports incident of Domestic Violence
- Police Involvement
- Prior or Current Order of Protection
- Prior CPS Reports with allegations of Domestic Violence
- Information from other sources, *i.e.* Medical, Community Service Provider, DV Provider, etc.

If domestic violence is present, complete the Children's Services Domestic Violence Protocol and summarize safety plan and course of action.