


POTENTIAL RISK			
CHILD AND FAMILY NEEDS	A1 Family members basic needs consistently met for clothing, shelter, food, supervision, healthcare	A2 Child appears healthy and functioning at age appropriate stages of development, i.e. language, motor skills, social skills	A3 Family members appear healthy and well groomed
HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIPS	B1 Adult family members get along well	B2 Family members able to make decisions about family matters joint decision making among parents, family members, i.e. how money is spent, chores, child rearing	B3 Extended family member lives in the home and provides additional childcare/ support to parent, i.e. grandmother, aunt, uncle
SOCIAL SUPPORT	C1 Family members have connections outside of home, i.e. faith, community, boy/girl scouts, clubs, organizations, employment, volunteering	C2 Family members have reciprocal helping relationships with extended family and others, i.e. neighbors and friends, child and elder care	C3 Parent involved in non-using activities within the community, i.e. sports, political activities
SUBSTANCE USE CONDITIONS	D1 No one in home uses drugs or alcohol	D2 Parent uses no drugs or alcohol	D3 Family functions without disruptions related to substance use by anyone in the home
IMPACT UPON CHILD(REN)S NEEDS AND PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP	E1 Child's emotional needs for nurturing, consistency and relationship are met, as are physical needs	E2 Young child demonstrates strong attachment to adult caregivers	E3 Parent consistently anticipates and responds to child's needs

Substance Affected Families Environmental & Strengths Assessment (SAFESA) adapted to Word 97 by LJD/KJB for Mary Jiordano (10/28/2002)

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STRENGTHS / MINIMAL RISK ←			
A4 Family members engage in some activities together, i.e. games, picnics, movies, etc.	A5 Child is attending school regularly	A6 Family can access transportation as needed, uses public transportation	A7 Family has regular income, i.e. job, public assistance
B4 Family has regular schedules and shared mealtimes	B5 Family celebrates special occasions, rituals and shared traditions	B6 Family members state that they are safe, i.e. home is viewed as secure, children are comfortable with family and friends who visit	
C4 Family has extended family members living in close proximity	C5 The family has someone to turn to in a crisis - family member, friend, former teacher, etc.	C6 Parent has active support group of friends and peers who encourage abstinence from substance abuse	C7 Parent knows child's peers and other adults involved with child's social network
D4 Parent has incorporated abstinence behaviors and strategies into daily life, and maintains these		D6 Social use of alcohol by parent with no previous or current disruptions as a result of use	D7 Parent is able to ask for help in order to maintain safety of children
E4 Child is encouraged to communicate with parent(s) regarding issues related to substance abuse	E5 Parents have age - appropriate expectations of children's behavior, i.e. chores given to children match abilities like cooking on the stove and childcare reserved for older children	E6 Parent spends some time while sober with child	E7 Child states that he/ she wishes parent would stop using substances

MODERATE

<p>A8 Family has some difficulty making ends meet; budgets fairly well</p>	<p>A9 Child has not had regular immunizations or is behind on these</p>	<p>A10 Child has frequent colds, infections</p>	<p>A11 Family frequently or sometimes runs out of food. Heat, lights and/or water shut off (more frequently = higher risk)</p>
	<p>B9 Care of young children left with other household members</p>	<p>B11 Family members experience frequent arguments regarding money and other issues</p>	<p>B11 Parent accepts some responsibility for the circumstances that brought the child to the attention of the agency</p>
<p>C8 Parent is developing support network free of "high risk" situations related to substance use, i.e. attendance at self-help groups, faith community, substance free recreation/activities</p>	<p>C9 Other adults willing and able to provide supervision to child and to identify and provide for basic needs when necessary</p>	<p>C10 Parent receives concrete supports - parent aide, financial assistance, public housing, WIC</p>	<p>C11 Child gets basic needs met by turning to others outside the home, i.e. asking neighbors for food, clothing</p>
<p>D8 Parent maintaining abstinence through behavior change strategies, may be in a 12-step group with a sponsor</p>	<p>D9 Parent participating in treatment, is abstinent from substance use while in treatment, complies with treatment program rules</p>	<p>D10 Parent has identified some triggers for substance use, i.e. time of day, particular situations or friends</p>	<p>D11 Parent has had past significant periods of abstinence from substance use</p>
<p>E8 Child makes excuses to worker or others for parent's behavior while using</p>	<p>E9 Child expresses embarrassment or shame regarding parent's substance use, i.e. doesn't want to bring friends home or introduce parent to friend</p>	<p>E10 Others indicate that child's performance in school and/or personal hygiene has deteriorated, i.e. grades go down, clothing not clean</p>	<p>E11 Child exhibits negative behaviors in school and within the community, i.e. fighting, stealing</p>

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<p>A12 Parent has serious or terminal illness</p>	<p>A13 Family has high unpaid utility and/or rent balances or other debt</p>	<p>A14 Family threatened with eviction or other housing difficulties</p>	<p>A15 No reliable source of child care for family</p>
		<p>B14 High level of conflict between siblings, between children and adults in the home</p>	<p>B15 There are a number of unrelated adults living in and out of the household</p>
	<p>C13 Parents and children have little or no contact with extended family and friends or non-custodial parent</p>	<p>C14 Parent has friends with whom he/she uses drugs/alcohol</p>	<p>C15 Parent's significant other or spouse uses substances, or deals drugs</p>
<p>D12 Parent considering measures to address substance use, expresses interest in receiving services</p>	<p>D13 Parent has experienced several attempts at treatment for substance use</p>	<p>D14 Parent has eliminated use of one or more substances, due to negative consequences experienced; may continue to use other drugs and/or alcohol</p>	<p>D15 Parent verbalizes that she/he is considering whether use of alcohol or other drugs contributes to family problems, and continues to use</p>
<p>E12 Child expresses or demonstrates concern or anxiety due to having multiple caretakers, i.e. worry about which school he/she will attend mealtimes, different household rules, etc.</p>	<p>E13 Child fears leaving home due to parent possibly using</p>	<p>E14 Child can identify various drugs which a person uses, in addition to describing a situation in which a parent has been using</p>	<p>E15 Child has special needs, i.e. born substance affected or requires special care - asthma, diabetic, cerebral palsy, learning disabled, ADHD</p>

<p>A16 Neighborhood is dangerous, family is concerned about safety in neighborhood</p>	<p>A17 Member of household engaged in illegal activities related to substance use, i.e. use, manufacturing or selling or illicit substances</p>	<p>A18 Furniture, appliances, household goods sold to obtain substance</p>	<p>A19 Child left unsupervised while parent uses or obtains substance; child injured due to lack of supervision</p>
<p>B16 Child has been present in emergency room due to household member being ill, injured, or impaired from substance use or family violence</p>	<p>B17 Child under age 12 states that he/she wants to live with other relatives or friends</p>	<p>B18 One child is treated differently from other children in the family, i.e. is expected to misbehave, may be punished more harshly than the other children</p>	<p>B19 Household members become violent/verbally abusive related to substance abuse</p>
<p>C16 Child left with others while parents are using or obtaining substances; parent does not return when expected or promised</p>	<p>C17 Parent has alienated family, friends, neighbors, others due to substance use</p>	<p>C18 Parent, significant other, or family member is involved in illegal activities which take place in the presence of children, i.e. manufacturing or selling substances out of the home</p>	<p>C19 Parent and/or child involved with gang/drug related activities</p>
<p>D16 Others report that parent's substance use is problematic .school, relatives, neighbors, landlord, employer, physician</p>	<p>D17 Physical signs of use by parent or other adult in home (health problems, needle marks), and/or presence of drug use paraphernalia in the home i.e. scale, pipes, mirrors razor blades, etc.</p>	<p>D18 Alcohol, prescription medications and other drugs easily accessible to children in the home</p>	<p>D19 Parent's mental health issues are also present and not controlled, i.e. suicide attempts, depression, mood swings, psychiatric hospitalization</p>
<p>E16 Parent uses illegal substances in front of child .child reports that parent is using</p>	<p>E17 Parent's discipline & supervision is sporadic or delegated to others; profanity, yelling, and/or shaming are sometimes used as discipline</p>	<p>E18 Parent demonstrates a tolerance of adolescent/ child substance use, and/or supplies child with illicit substances and alcohol</p>	<p>E19 Child and parent use substances together</p>

HIGH RISK

<p>A20 Family has no housing</p>	<p>A21 Family has no source of income</p>	<p>A22 Despite social support or agency intervention, child's needs continue to be unmet, i.e. child does not receive food despite family receiving food stamps</p>
<p>B20 Parent's expectations of children's behavior are inconsistent with age of child, i.e. potty training, self care</p>	<p>B21 Child responsible to provide for basic needs of family, i.e. young children prepare meals, go to store, change diapers, look after siblings due to parent being impaired from substance use.</p>	<p>B22 There are physical or verbal outbursts by household member, or family violence occurs, i.e. police have been out to the home</p>
	<p>C21 Parent's social support consists only of people who are identified as using or selling drugs and alcohol</p>	<p>C22 Child is victimized by other children or adults, parent unable to protect or respond, i.e. parent is a victim of family violence, experiences blackouts</p>
<p>D20 Parental decision making impaired by substance use, i.e. parent forgets to pick up child, drives while using substances, meets with worker or others while under the influence</p>	<p>D21 Parent appears high or intoxicated when contacted by adults outside the home, i.e. slurred speech, mixed up syntax, staggering or appearing wobbly, appearing agitated or jittery, odor of alcohol, extreme mood changes during interview, bloodshot eyes, dry mouth</p>	<p>D22 Parent expresses specific refusal to consider changing lifestyle or pattern of substance use; states that use is not a problem or refuses to discuss this issue despite concrete evidence that use is problematic</p>
<p>E20 Parent drives while under the influence of substances with child in care</p>	<p>E21 Indications of physical harm due to inappropriate and/or excessive discipline</p>	<p>E22 Child participates in illegal activities to support parent's substance use, i.e. buying, distributing substances, prostitution</p>