Questions to Answer in Family Assessment Areas Information Collection Domains

MALTREATMENT
Information that informs this domain includes:
- Type of maltreatment;
- Severity of maltreatment;
- Description of specific events;
- Description of emotional and physical symptoms;
- Identification of the child and maltreating caregiver;
- Condition of the child.

NATURE OF THE MALTREATMENT: SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES
Information that informs this domain includes:
- The duration of the maltreatment;
- History of maltreatment;
- Patterns of functioning leading to or explaining the maltreatment;
- Parent/legal guardian or caregiver intent concerning the maltreatment; (assessment of intent re: parenting/discipline vs. intent to harm)
- Parent/legal guardian or caregiver explanation for the maltreatment and family conditions;
- Unique aspects of the maltreatment, such as whether weapons were involved;
- Caregiver acknowledgement and attitude about the maltreatment;
- Other problems occurring in association with the maltreatment.

CHILD FUNCTIONING
Information that answers this question includes:
- General mood and temperament;
- Intellectual functioning;
- Communication and social skills;
- Expressions of emotions/feelings;
- Behavior;
- Peer relations;
- School performance;
- Independence;
- Motor skills;
- Physical and mental health;
- Functioning within cultural norms

ADULT FUNCTIONING
Information that answers this question includes:
- Communication and social skills;
- Coping and stress management;
- Self-control;
- Problem solving;
- Judgment and decision making;
- Independence;
- Home and financial management;
- Income/Employment;
- Citizenship and community involvement;
- Rationality;
- Self-care and self-preservation;
- Substance use;
- Mental health;
- Family and/or domestic violence;
- Physical health and capacity;
- Functioning within cultural norms.

GENERAL PARENTING
Information that answers this question includes:
- Reasons for being a caregiver;
- Satisfaction in being a caregiver;
- Parent/legal guardian or caregiver knowledge and skill in parenting and child development;
- Parent/legal guardian or caregiver expectations and empathy for a child;
- Decision making in parenting practices;
- Parenting style;
- History of parenting behavior;
- Cultural practices;
- Protectiveness

DISCIPLINE OR BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT
Information that answers this question includes:
- Disciplinary methods;
- Approaches to managing child behavior
- Perception of effectiveness of utilized approaches;
- Concepts and purpose of discipline;
- Context in which discipline occurs;
- Cultural practices