Title: Create and Document Present Danger Assessment (PDA)

Description: Provides a streamlined process for documenting a PDA to capture if present danger threats are identified.

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Present Danger Assessments (PDAs) can be created two different ways: the first is from the Present Danger Assessment tab of the Investigation and clicking +New Present Danger Assessment from the horizontal 3 dots; the second is from the At-A-Glance view, scrolling to the Present Danger Assessment group box, and clicking +New Present Danger Assessment from the horizontal 3 dots. If a Pending Present Danger Assessment already exists, another cannot be created until the existing PDA is completed.

Present Danger Assessment tab (Details View)

Present Danger Assessment group box (At-A-Glance View)

Upon creating a Present Danger Assessment, the following fields are required in order to initially save: Assessment Date; Yes/ No selection for "Did you identify any present danger threats?"; and narrative text field for "Briefly describe assessment of the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver's historical and current capacity to, ability to, and willingness to protect the child." If Yes or No hasn't been selected yet OR No has been selected, all Danger Threats are displayed on the screen for informational purposes, as shown below.

Upon selecting Yes, each Danger Threat is displayed with an associated checkbox and at least one must be selected in order to complete the Present Danger Assessment. If Other is selected, the associated text field is required. When all required fields have been documented, click Save. If ready to complete the PDA, click the Done button.

Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver views child and/or acts toward the child in extremely negative ways AND such behavior has or will resulting serious harm to the child.

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Child shows serious emotional symptoms requiring intervention and/or lacks behavioral control and/or exhibits self-destructive behavior that Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver is unwilling or unable to manage.

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Child has a serious illness or injury (indicative of child abuse) this is unexplained, or the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver explanations are inconsistent with the illness or injury.

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The child's physical living conditions are hazardous and a child has already been seriously injured or will likely be seriously injured. The living conditions seriously endanger a child's physical health.

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There are reports of serious harm and the child's whereabouts cannot be ascertained and/or there is a reason to believe that the family is about to flee to avoid agency intervention and/or refuses access to the child and the reported concern is significant and indicates serious harm.

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Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver is not meeting the child's essential medical needs AND the child is/has already been seriously harmed or will likely be seriously harmed.
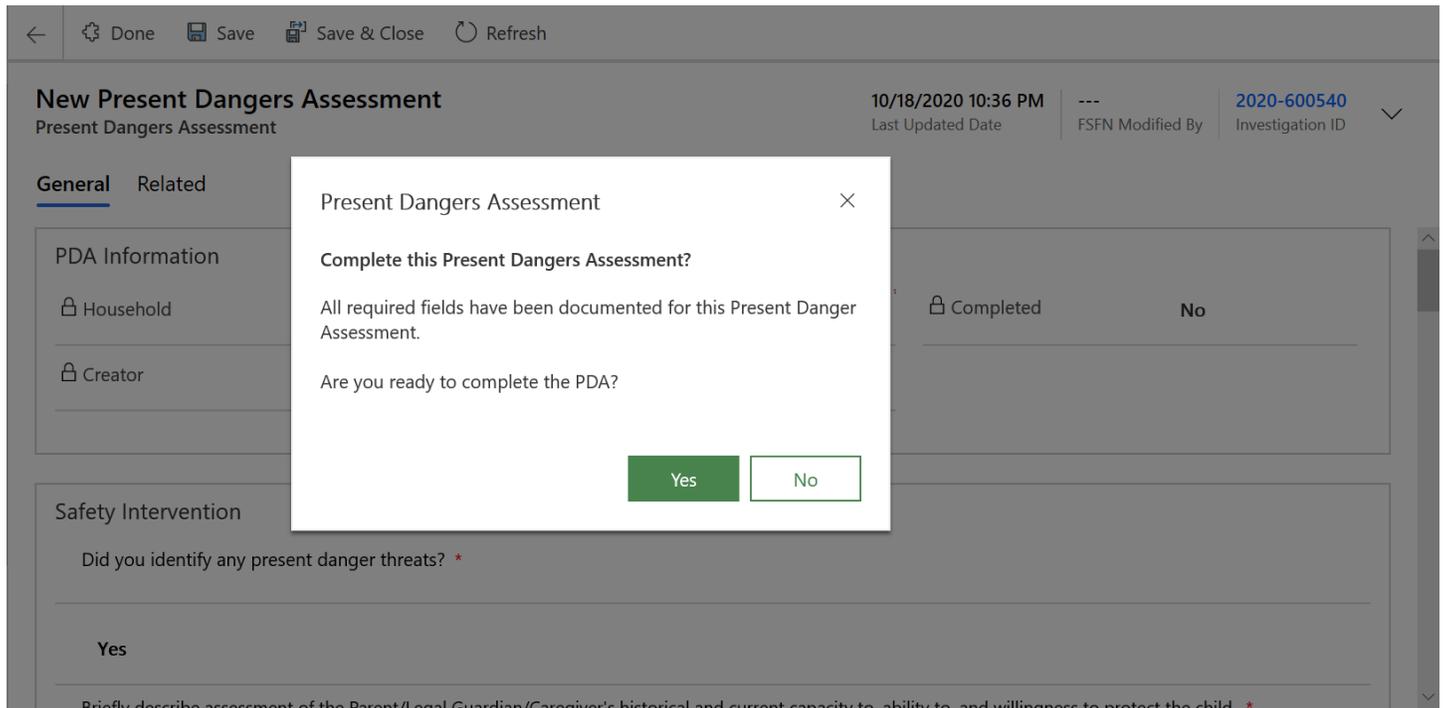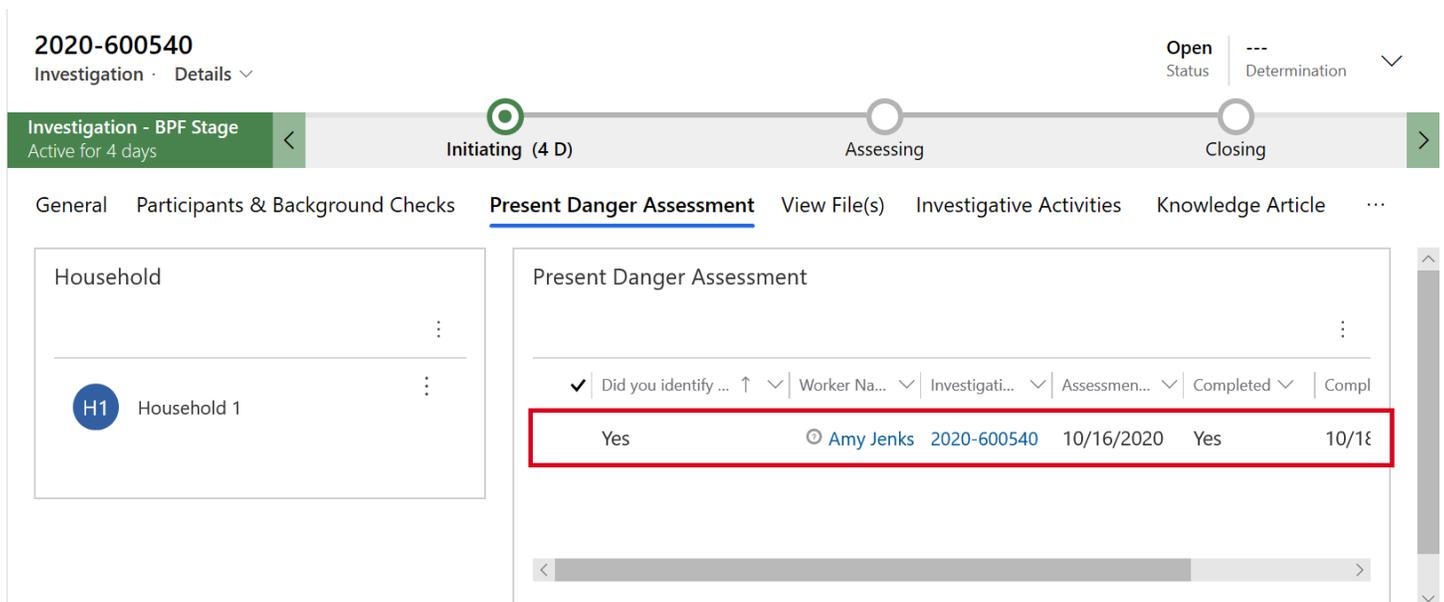
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Other

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Upon clicking the Done button, a validation prompt displays asking you to confirm that you are ready to complete the PDA with a Yes and No button. Selecting Yes will process the completing of the PDA. Selecting No will return you to the PDA and remain in a Pending Status.

Upon selecting Yes, you are returned to either the Present Danger Assessment tab or At-A-Glance view based on the manner in which the PDA was created/accessed. Upon returning to the Present Danger Assessment tab, a new record displays in the group box. Each time a Present Danger Assessment is created it displays as a new row in the table. Each record displays and indicates Yes or No if Danger Threats were identified, the Assessment Date, Yes or No indicating if the Present Danger is Completed, and if Completed, also displays the Completed Date.

Upon returning to the At-A-Glance view, a new record displays in the group box. Each time a Present Danger Assessment is created it displays as a new record in the group box. Each record displays and captures the Assessment Date (top), Yes or No as to whether the record is completed or not, and if Completed, displays the Completed Date (bottom).