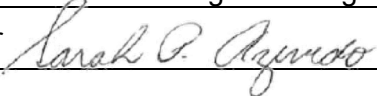


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Policy 305 Risk Assessment (SDM®)

A. POLICY

The Division has adopted the practice of assessing the safety and risk of all children within a household, utilizing Structured Decision-Making® policies and procedures. Assessing risk to children effectively allows for stronger service delivery and better outcomes. Immediate action will be taken to protect children at imminent risk of maltreatment.

B. PROCEDURES

The Division has adopted the Structured Decision-Making® procedures for conducting a risk assessment. Risk Assessment is done during an investigation to help guide decision and need for further involvement. It is the first building block of the overall assessment of the family.

Refer to the SDM® Policy and Procedures Manual for the following:

[Risk Assessment Tool](#)

[Risk Assessment Definitions](#)

[Risk Assessment Policy](#)

[Risk Assessment Procedures](#)

C. FOCUS

[Risk Assessment FOCUS Manual](#)

D. FORMS

None