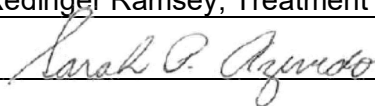




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## **Policy 310 SDM® Family Strengths and Needs Guide (FSNG)**

### **A. POLICY**

The Division has adopted the practice of assessing the strengths and needs of the family, both children and parents, by utilizing Structured Decision-Making® policies and procedures. Quality assessment of the family situation and needs, as well as defining the family's strengths, can allow the Division and family to develop a plan that leverages their strengths to reach family goals.

### **B. PROCEDURES**

The Division has adopted the Structured Decision-Making® procedures for completing Family Strengths and Needs Guides.

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

[Family Strengths and Needs Guide Tool](#)

[FSNG Definitions](#)

[FSNG Policy](#)

[FSNG Procedures](#)

### **C. FOCUS**

The Family Strengths and Needs Guide is generated when a treatment case is assigned and is due in 45 days. It will feed the family service plan.

Engagement with the family will be reflected in case progress notes

[FSNG FOCUS Manual](#)

### **D. FORMS** None