

### Paramour Assessment Checklist

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CYCIS/CANTS No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The Paramour Assessment Checklist has been designed to aid in the identification of risk and safety issues specific to paramour involved cases. A “yes” response to any of the listed factors requires that the factor or factors be considered when completing the CERAP, safety plan development/implementation and/or service planning.

**Note:** A “yes” response to any of the factors in Sections I and II may or may not require the implementation of an intervention to address the identified issue.

Additional information that is known for each factor or strength must be documented in the comments/mitigating factors sections.

#### Section I: Factors that Cannot Be Waived

- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour expresses negative attitudes or behaviors towards specific children in the household (e.g., unrealistic expectations for behavior, demeaning verbalizations, excessive corporal punishment, differential treatment as compared to other children in the home, etc.).                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour has been previously indicated as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour has a history as an indicated perpetrator of child abuse or neglect in another state.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a history of domestic violence involving the paramour and the custodial parent.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The custodial parent and/or children express fear of the paramour.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour has a history of domestic violence.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The custodial parent has a history of domestic violence with previous paramours or spouses.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour has a history of multiple unstable adult relationships. (Note: Blended families involving multiple children with different biological parents often present situations that prevent bonding between the custodial parent, paramour and children, creating a greater risk for abuse.) |

#### Comments/Mitigating Factors

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#### Section II: Factors that May Be Waived

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour is financially dependent on the custodial parent.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour is misusing alcohol, prescription drugs, over the counter or illegal drugs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour has a criminal background established through a LEADS and local law enforcement records check.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The paramour has a history of mental illness including a history or current hospitalization and treatment.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is suspicion of domestic violence involving the paramour and the custodial parent.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The children are ages 0-10. (Note: Children who are ages 6 through 10 years of age are at high risk and children who are younger than 6 years of age are at the greatest risk of abuse.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The children are hyperactive, behaviorally disordered, physically handicapped, mentally handicapped or have sexual behavior problems.  |

Yes No

There is another adult in the home who is willing and able to assist with ensuring the safety of the children. (Note: This person cannot have a criminal history or have been indicated for abuse or neglect as verified through CANTS, LEADS and law enforcement agency checks.).

There is a current or pending order of protection against the paramour.

**Comments/Mitigating Factors**

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**Section III: Strengths**

Yes No

The custodial parent and his/her children refer to the paramour in positive, affectionate terms to others such as school personnel or extended family.

The paramour refers to each child by name in positive, affectionate terms.

The paramour is actively involved in child rearing (e.g., child care, transportation, extra curricular activities, school conferences, provider for medical insurance, medical appointments, etc.).

Persons outside the home refer to the paramour as having a positive relationship with the involved children.

Persons outside the home are able to provide examples of the paramour’s positive contributions to the involved children’s well being.

The paramour’s family recognizes his or her involvement as a “parent” to the involved children that are not his or her biological children.

The paramour and custodial parent have established a joint residence.

The paramour provides emotional support to the custodial parent and/or involved children.

The paramour provides consistent financial support to the family.

The custodial parent puts the child’s interest above his or her need for a relationship.

The custodial parent has the ability and willingness to protect his or her children from abuse or neglect.

**Comments /Mitigating Factors**

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Worker’s Signature

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Date

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Supervisor’s Signature

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