

Scoring guide: Establishing need

Domains		Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	Intensive Need
Trauma symptoms	<p>Assess specific trauma symptoms and their impact on daily functioning and wellbeing.</p> <p>Explore co-occurring mental health conditions related to trauma.</p>	Minimal symptoms, manageable with basic support and psychoeducation.	Moderate symptoms, requiring targeted interventions and evidence-based approaches.	Significant symptoms, necessitating intensive and specialised interventions with ongoing support.	Severe and debilitating symptoms, requiring highly specialised and intensive trauma-focused therapies and additional support services.
Safety and stabilisation	<p>Assess current level of family safety and presence of ongoing threats/violence.</p> <p>Evaluate need for safety planning and protective measures.</p> <p>Consider available support systems and resources for stability and safety.</p> <p>Refer to your organisations risk assessment framework and consider intersectionality of risk domains.</p>	Minimal safety concerns with adequate support for stability.	Some safety concerns, requiring safety planning and additional support.	Significant safety concerns, necessitating immediate safety planning, protective measures, and intensive support.	Critical safety concerns, requiring urgent safety planning, protective measures, and round-the-clock support for a safe and secure environment.

Domains

Low Need

Moderate Need

High Need

Intensive Need

Assessment of family violence risk, including AVITH (adolescent/s using violence in the home)

Utilise the MARAM (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management) framework to assess the impact of family violence, considering the presence of risk factors and protective factors.

No history of family violence or current risk factors evident.

Recognised family violence risk factors present but mitigated by protective factors and risk management strategies.

Presence of risk factors, including high-risk factors, indicating the need for risk management to prevent further escalation.

Presence of multiple high-risk factors, with serious outcomes and imminent threats requiring immediate risk management and coordinated responses.

Assessment of ongoing safety concerns and risks related to contact and/or access arrangements with adult PUV (person using violence)

Evaluate ongoing safety concerns related to child's contact or access with the adult PUV.

Assess level of risk and potential harm to the child.

Consider consent issues and need for informed decision-making.

Minimal concerns and risks related to contact or access with adult PUV.

Some concerns and risks related to contact or access with adult PUV.

Significant concerns and risks related to contact or access with adult PUV.

Critical concerns and risks requiring immediate safety planning and protective measures.

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Caregiver-child attachment and relationship	Evaluate caregiver-child attachment and disruptions caused by family violence. Assess trust, communication, and emotional connection. Consider the impact on the child's wellbeing.	Secure attachment with minimal disruptions despite family violence experiences.	Moderate disruptions, requiring targeted interventions to repair and strengthen the relationship.	Significant disruptions, necessitating intensive therapeutic interventions to rebuild and repair the relationship.	Severe disruptions, requiring specialised interventions and intensive specialised support for healing and relational repair.
Caregiver reflective capacity	Evaluate caregiver's capacity for reflection and attunement to the needs and experiences of their child/ren.	Caregiver is integrated and able to reflect on child's experiences.	There are moderate barriers/impacts to the caregiver being able to reflect on child's experiences.	There are significant barriers/impacts to the caregiver being able to reflect on child's experiences.	Caregiver's level of distressed and/or avoidance severely limits their capacity to reflect on their child's experiences.

Scoring guide: Therapeutic readiness

		High	Moderate	Variable	Limited
Therapeutic readiness	<p>Evaluate family's motivation and willingness to engage in therapy.</p> <p>Assess their understanding of therapy benefits and expectations.</p> <p>Identify potential barriers or hesitations and strategies to address them.</p>	<p>High readiness and motivation for therapy, active participation in healing process</p>	<p>Moderate readiness and motivation, requiring some support and encouragement for engagement</p>	<p>Variable readiness with ambivalence, caution, and need for additional support and motivational strategies</p>	<p>Limited readiness and caution, requiring significant support, rapport-building, and motivational strategies</p>



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