



SCREENING FOR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Coercive Control	Forms of IPV	Risk of Harm/Lethality
☐ Control of Resources Parent A Both Parent B	☐ Physical Abuse	☐ Escalating Violence
☐ Control of Daily Affairs Parent A Both Parent B	☐ Sexual Coercion	☐ Threats to Harm Self/Others
☐ Control of Work/School Parent A Both Parent B	☐ Emotional Abuse	☐ Strangulation
☐ Control of Parenting Parent A Both Parent B	☐ Economic Abuse	☐ Abuse During Pregnancy
☐ Control of Social Connections Parent A Both Parent B	☐ Moral Abuse	☐ Sexual Assault
☐ Control of Movement Parent A Both Parent B	☐ Health-Related Abuse	☐ Stalking
	☐ Technological Abuse	☐ Access to Weapons/Firearms
	☐ Post-Separation Abuse	☐ Child Abuse
		☐ Animal Abuse
		☐ Controlling Behaviors
		☐ Excessive Jealousy/Obsession
		☐ Abuser's Mental Health Status
		☐ Avoidance of Consequences/ Violation of Court Orders



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Child Experiencing Abuse	Parent Causing Harm	Risk Factors for Children
☐ IPV During Pregnancy	☐ Physical/Sexual Abuse of Child	☐ Co-occurrence of child abuse & DV
☐ Intervention/ Participation by Child	☐ Emotional Abuse of Child	☐ Impaired parenting abilities of parent causing harm
☐ Harm to Child	☐ Neglect of Child	☐ DV focused on parenting abilities of parent experiencing harm
☐ Observation	☐ Economic Abuse of Child	☐ Using the child as a weapon
☐ Witness Effects/ Experience Aftermath	☐ Use of Child as Tool of IPV	☐ Violence directed at the child
☐ Knowledge	☐ Denying Impact of IPV on Child	☐ Child summoned help
	☐ Ignoring Child's Separate Needs	☐ Non-biological relationship between child and parent causing harm
	☐ Undermining Other's Parenting Relationship	☐ Parent causing harm experiencing abuse in their own childhood
		☐ Higher degree of severity and frequency of violence committed against client
		☐ Intervention by child in DV
		☐ Child challenges parent causing harm
		☐ Parent causing harm abducting child



REMINDER: Give the party all the information they need to provide informed consent and affirmatively obtain informed consent before asking any questions.

Basic Screening Questions:

How comfortable are you interacting with the other parent now?

Do you feel safe or unsafe interacting with the other parent? What is your biggest concern about interacting with the other parent? Do you feel respected by the other parent? Do you feel supported by the other parent?

When you look back over time, how were practical, everyday decisions made in your relationship?

Were you comfortable with that? What happened when disagreements arose? Do you trust the other parent to make everyday decisions regarding food, shelter, finances, and children?

Is there anything that gets in your way of doing the things you want or need to do in your daily life?

For example: Managing your daily affairs, meeting your basic needs, meeting the basic needs of the children, fulfilling your everyday responsibilities, making your own decisions, interacting with other people like family or friends.

Has there ever been any physical violence between you and the other parent?

This could include behaviors such as holding you down, pushing, grabbing, biting, slapping, punching, and strangling. If so, can you tell me about that? How often did physical violence occur? Did you suffer any injuries?

Have you ever felt so ashamed, humiliated, embarrassed or fearful by something the other parent said or did that you didn't want anyone else to know about it?

This could include behaviors such as insulting you, accusing you of cheating, or destroying things you care about? If so, can you tell me about what that was like for you?

Has the other parent ever forced you to do sexual things you didn't want to do or ever felt like you could not say no to (i.e. when they want to have sex)?

If so, can you tell me about that?

Have you ever been concerned that the other parent was going to physically or psychologically harm you, the children, or pets?

If so, please explain.

Has the other parent ever used technology to make you feel unsafe or intimidated?

This could include hacking into your online accounts; or tracking you or controlling your postings on social media, your computer, phone or in person; or changing passwords so you cannot access online accounts.

How are parenting time arrangements currently being worked out?

How did you arrive at that arrangement? Are you comfortable with that? Any concerns about children or fears for their safety? Is your partner responsible when making decisions on behalf of the children?

Are there any individual circumstances you would like to tell me about?

For example:

- Identity factors
- Adequacy of Resources/Poverty
- Contact with Support System
- Physical Health/Ability
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Isolation/Geographic Isolation
- Contact with Family of Origin
- Other:

Are any of the following risk factors present?

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| ☐ Escalating Violence | ☐ Sexual Assault | ☐ Controlling Behaviors |
| ☐ Threats to Harm Self/Others | ☐ Stalking | ☐ Excessive Jealousy/Obsession |
| ☐ Strangulation | ☐ Access to Weapons/Firearms | ☐ Abuser's Mental Health Issues |
| ☐ Abuse During Pregnancy | ☐ Animal Abuse | ☐ Avoidance of Consequences/Violation of Court Orders |
| | ☐ Child Abuse | |



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Coercive Control

Control of Resources:

Who has access to the bank accounts, bills, credit cards, etc. in your relationship? Who decides how the money is spent? Are there differences between your status in the community and/or access to resources that made it easier for the other parent to do these kinds of things?

Control of Daily Affairs:

When you look back over time, how were practical, everyday decisions made in your relationship? Is there anything that gets in your way of doing the things you want or need to do in your daily life?

Control of Work/School:

Do you have the documentation you need to work or attend school? Are you able to work outside of the home? Are you paid for your work? Does the other parent interfere with your ability to work?

Control of Parenting:

Who makes the decisions about parenting? Does your partner use the children as a tool for abuse?

Control of Social Connections:

Can you communicate and/or spend time with family and friends freely? Can you attend extracurricular activities, religious services, or cultural events freely? Does the person causing harm use their family to further abuse of you?

Control of Movement:

Can you decide when you leave the house by yourself or with your children? Does your partner force you to share your location?



Forms of IPV

Physical Abuse:

Has the other parent ever been physically violent towards you? This could include behaviors such as holding you down, biting, slapping, punching, and strangling. How often did physical violence occur? Did you suffer any injuries? Minor or major?

Sexual Coercion:

Has the other parent ever forced you to do sexual things you didn't want to do or ever felt like you could not say no to your partner when they wanted to have sex?

Emotional Abuse:

Has the other parent ever called you names? Insult you? Yell at you? If so, please explain. Have you ever been concerned that the other parent was going to physically or psychologically harm you, the children, or pets? If so, please explain.

Economic Abuse:

Has the other parent ever refused to pay bills? Does the other parent refuse to let you work or take/keep the money you earn at work?

Moral Abuse:

Has the other parent ever used religion to justify abusive behavior? Forced you to engage in behaviors, including drugs, illegal activities, or forced sex work?

Health-Related Abuse:

Does the other parent ever interfere with your medical care or medications? If so, please explain.

Technological Abuse:

Has the other parent ever used technology to track or spy on you? Has the other parent ever shared intimate images of you without your consent or impersonated you online or shared your information without your consent?

Post-Separation Abuse:

Has the other parent filed multiple or frivolous court actions? Have any of these abusive behaviors escalated since separation?

Risk of Harm/Lethality

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Individual Circumstances

Are there any individual circumstances you would like to tell me about? For Example:

- Identity Factors
 • Mental Health
- Physical Health/Ability
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- Isolation/Geographic Isolation
 • Contact with Support System
- Adequacy of Resources/Poverty
 • Substance Abuse
- Other



Child Experiencing Abuse:

IPV During Pregnancy:

Was there physical abuse when you were pregnant with your child?

Intervention/Participation by Child:

Has your child tried to stop the other parent from abusing you? How does your child respond/react when they witness abuse? Is your child forced to spy on you? Does your child receive praise for taking the side of the other parent?

Harm to Child:

Has your child been physically injured during abuse in the home? Does the other parent ever interfere with your child's medical care or medications? If so, please explain.

Observation:

Does your child see abuse occur? Does your child hear the abuse? Where are they during abusive episodes?

Retreat:

Does your child flee when abuse begins?

Witness Effects/Experience Aftermath:

Has your child ever witnessed injuries on you? Has your child ever seen the police come to the home? Is your child's routine interrupted due to the abuse? Is your child's behavior noticeably different after abusive episodes?

Knowledge:

Do you or the other parent discuss litigation with your child?

Parent Causing Harm:

Physical/Sexual Abuse of Child:

Has there been any physical violence towards your child? Has there been any sexual abuse of your child?

Emotional Abuse of Child:

Is your child called names, insulted or yelled at?

Neglect of Child:

Does the other parent fail to supervise, feed, clothe, or provide medical care to your child?

Economic Abuse of Child:

Does the other parent refuse to pay child support or pay late?

Use of Child as Tool of IPV:

Do you or the other parent disrupt your child's schedule?

Denying Impact of IPV on Child:

Does the other parent blame your child for their abusive actions?

Ignoring Child's Separate Needs:

Does the other parent accuse the child of conspiring with you? Does the other parent put their needs above your child's?

Undermining Other's Parenting Relationship:

Does the other parent refuse to comply with parenting time agreements? Does the other parent disparage you to your child?

Best Interest of the Child: Check factors that support parent:

- ☐ Parents' Wishes
- ☐ Parents' Ability to Facilitate Contact with Other Parent (absent abuse)
- ☐ Child's Adjustment to Home/School, etc.
- ☐ Wishes & Concerns of Child
- ☐ Child's Relationships with Parents, siblings, and any third party
- ☐ Stability of Home/Continuity of Existing Care
- ☐ Evidence of Abuse/History of IPV
- ☐ Parents' Mental and Physical Health
- ☐ Parents' Ability to Agree, Communicate, and Cooperate
- ☐ Parents' Ability to Care for Child

Risk Factors for Children:

- ☐ Co-occurrence of child abuse and domestic violence
- ☐ Violence directed at the child
- ☐ Higher degree of severity and frequency of violence committed against child
- ☐ Impaired parenting abilities of person causing harm
- ☐ Child summoned help for parent experiencing abuse (i.e. called 911)
- ☐ Child intervening to try to stop the abuse against their parent
- ☐ Domestic violence focused on parenting abilities of parent experiencing abuse
- ☐ Non-biological relationship between child and parent causing harm
- ☐ Child challenging the behavior of the abusive parent
- ☐ Using the child as a weapon against the other parent
- ☐ Parent causing harm experiencing abuse in their own childhood
- ☐ Risk of child abduction to control the parent experiencing abuse

ASSESSING THE NATURE & CONTEXT OF IPV**FOCUS ON THE EFFECTS OF IPV****Coercive
Control**

- ☐ Control of Resources
- ☐ Control of Daily Affairs
- ☐ Control of Work/School
- ☐ Control of Parenting
- ☐ Control of Social Connections
- ☐ Control of Movement

- ☐ Access to Resources
- ☐ Personal Autonomy
- ☐ Ability to Work/Attend School
- ☐ Parental Autonomy
- ☐ Fostering Social Connections
- ☐ Freedom of Movement

**Parent
Experiencing
Abuse**

- ☐ Physical Abuse/Sexual Coercion
- ☐ Emotional Abuse
- ☐ Economic Abuse
- ☐ Moral Abuse
- ☐ Health-Related Abuse
- ☐ Technological Abuse
- ☐ Post-separation Abuse

- ☐ Physical Safety/Sexual Autonomy
- ☐ Emotional Wellbeing
- ☐ Economic Security
- ☐ Moral Freedom
- ☐ Health & Well-Being
- ☐ Technological Safety
- ☐ Co-Parenting Relationship

ASSESSING THE NATURE & CONTEXT OF IPV**FOCUS ON THE EFFECTS OF IPV****Child's
Experience of
IPV & Abuse**

- ☐ IPV During Pregnancy
- ☐ Intervention/Participation by Child
- ☐ Harm to Child
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ Retreat
- ☐ Witness Effects/Experience Aftermath
- ☐ Knowledge

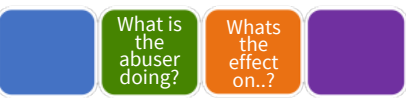
- ☐ Post-Partum Complications
- ☐ Child's Mental Wellbeing
- ☐ Physical or Emotional Impact on Child
- ☐ Child's Behavior
- ☐ Disassociation
- ☐ Child's Relationships
- ☐ Child's Ability to Participate in Daily Needs

**Parenting by
Parent
Causing
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- ☐ Child's Physical Safety
- ☐ Child's Health & Wellbeing
- ☐ Child's Psychological Wellbeing
- ☐ Child's Economic Security
- ☐ Child's Development
- ☐ Child's Behavior
- ☐ Child's Thinking and Perception
- ☐ Child's Relationship

COERCIVE CONTROL



Forms of IPV: Nature & Context:

Access To Resources

Causing or attempting to cause the other parent to be financially dependent: Controlling bank accounts, food, housing, transportation, dictating how to spend money

Effects:

Look for: Homelessness, substandard housing, repeated moves, reliance on others for shelter/food/clothing, housing/health code violations, predatory leases, break-ins, evictions, address confidentiality issues, no personal bank accounts or credit cards, etc.

Personal Autonomy

Intensely managing or dictating the other parent's personal day-to-day activities or hindering the other parents ability to engage in regular daily activities: Controlling the other parents movements, creating a strict schedule, hindering other parents ability to manage appointments, interrupting sleep, not allowing other parent to go to doctor's appointments, deciding when other parent can eat

Look for: Entrapment, dependence, isolation, limited life choices, lack of control over personal/home life, lack of control over parenting/children, inability to meet daily needs/responsibilities, lack of personal fulfillment, etc.

COERCIVE CONTROL



Forms of IPV:

Nature & Context:

Effects:

Ability to Work/Attend School
Intensely managing or dictating the ability of the other parent to work or attend school:

Controlling other parents ability to work, showing up to work/school unannounced, hiding school materials

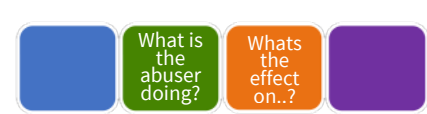
Look for: Persistent unemployment, low wages, excessive absences, repeated disciplinary action, depletion or loss of benefits, damaged professional reputation, poor work performance, no promotions, missed opportunities, etc.

Parental Autonomy
Use of child to control, manipulate, threaten, or harm the other parent:

Monitoring interactions between other parent and child, threats to harm the children, using children to belittle other parent

Look for: Strained relationship with children, inability to make parenting decisions, fear of being alone with child, fear of potential harm to the children, etc.

COERCIVE CONTROL



Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects:
Fostering Social Connections	Isolating the other parent from friends, relatives, faith, cultural, or other support networks: Prohibit other parent from meeting with anyone outside the home, controlling personal documents/meeting with attorney	Look for: Isolation, feeling powerless, feeling trapped, struggles to form healthy relationships, inability to maintain relationships, loss of contact, inability to trust
Freedom of Movement	Monitoring and surveilling of daily personal activities and movement: Deciding where other parent can go and when, hacking into social media accounts, forced location sharing	Look for: Lack of privacy, shared location with other parent, PTSD, etc.

PARENT EXPERIENCING ABUSE



Forms of IPV:

Nature & Context:

Effects:

Physical Abuse/
Sexual Coercion

Harm to physical safety and bodily integrity:
Hitting, choking, abduction, trafficking, withholding food, disabling vehicles, threatening with weapon/firearm

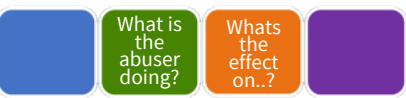
Look for: Stalking, sexual assault, abuse during pregnancy, threats to kill, strangulation, controlling behaviors, access to weapons/firearms, increased frequency or severity of IPV, child abuse, animal abuse, excessive jealousy or obsession, abuser's mental state, avoidance of consequences, etc.

Emotional Abuse

Harm to emotional safety, security, and wellbeing:
Name calling, shaming, destroying things, isolation from friends, threaten to harm, displaying weapon/firearm, creating chaos, interrupting schedules, harming or threatening to harm a pet

Look for: Excessive crying, severe mood swings, disassociation, depression, anxiety, suicidality, lack of self-esteem, shame, guilt, over-compliance, blaming oneself, etc.

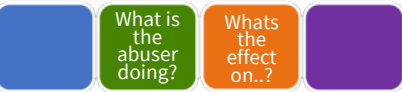
PARENT EXPERIENCING ABUSE



Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects:
Economic Abuse	Harm to financial security, stability, or self sufficiency: Refusing to pay bills, hiding assets, emptying bank accounts, shutting off utilities, cancelling insurance	Look for: Poverty, financial dependence, inability to establish or maintain credit, inability to care for children, reliance on social welfare programs, inadequate means to achieve self-sufficiency, lack of leisure time, stress, desperation, etc.
Moral Abuse	Harm to religious values or deeply held beliefs: Using sacred text to justify abuse, not being allowed to practice your religion/faith/beliefs, forced sex work, forced use of illegal drugs.	Look for: Self-blame, a propensity for self-punishment, distorted perceptions of God, difficulty setting boundaries, drug abuse, etc.

Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects:
Health-Related Abuse	Harm to physical or mental health, including substance abuse: Interfering with prescribed medication, coerced/forced pregnancy or abortion, coerced/forced substance use.	Look for: Physical injury, medical issues, trauma, stress, anxiety, sense of self, satisfaction in life, social connections, support systems, personal resources, etc.
Technological Abuse	Harm to wellbeing by use of technology: Coerced/forced location sharing, sharing intimate images, cloning email address/phone number, GPS tracking	Look for: Feelings of insecurity, confusion, instability, isolation, fear, helplessness, etc.
Post-Separation Abuse	Harm to safety, security, and wellbeing after relationship ends: Filing false claims, breaking court orders, being dishonest about mental health, character, or parenting abilities	Look for: Claims of parental alienation, frivolous legal actions, withholding information about the child, or questioning of parental abilities, etc.

CHILD'S EXPERIENCE OF IPV & ABUSE



Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects:
IPV During Pregnancy	The developing fetus experiences abuse in utero, where, for instance, the abuser: Kicks, punches, terrorizes, or sexually assaults a pregnant partner; deprives a pregnant partner of food, sleep, or prenatal care	Look for: Multiple miscarriages, substance abuse during pregnancy, poor health outcomes for newborn child, premature birth, low birth weight of full-term babies, postpartum mental health issues, postpartum health complications for pregnant parent, neglect of newborn child
Intervention/ Participation by Child	Child takes affirmative steps to stop the abuse or joins in the IPV due to coercion, or self-preservation: Pleading with the abuser to stop, calling for help, blocking abuser's access to victim-parent, abuser uses child to spy, taunt, or assault victim; abuser rewards child for participating in IPV; child goes along to stay safe	Look for: Bed-wetting, increased sensitivity and crying, separation anxiety (especially from parent experiencing abuse), excessive aggression, fear of leaving the home

CHILD’S EXPERIENCE OF IPV & ABUSE

What is the abuser doing?

Whats the effect on..?

Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects:
Harm to Child	The child suffers verbal, physical, or emotional harm during the course of IPV, as when: The child is blamed for IPV, ridiculed for crying, told they're next, or punished for intervening; child is physically, sexually, emotionally, verbally, or psychologically abused	Look for: Low self-esteem, PTSD symptoms, headaches, stomachaches, feeling guilty or taking responsibility for abuse of the parent, bruising
Observation	The child sees or hears IPV, either directly or indirectly, where, for instance, the child: Watches an assault, observes coercive power, hears threats or pleas for mercy, observes degradation, sees intimidation	Look for: Nervousness, constantly tense, withdrawn, trouble focusing at school, delinquent behavior

Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects:
Retreat	The child takes cover from IPV by: Running away from home, hiding under the bed, using alcohol or drugs, locking themselves in the closet, tuning out the world	Look for: Running away at the first sign of conflict, hiding, dissociation, regressive behaviors, nightmares or insomnia, skipping school, bullying or being bullied
Witness Effects/ Experience Aftermath	The child observes the immediate effects of IPV or faces life-altering change of IPV, including: Seeing injuries, witnessing a parent being arrested, parental anxiety, separation or relocation, broken social ties	Look for: Difficulty maintaining relationships outside of the home, ambivalent feelings towards one or both parents, difficulty identifying feelings or communicating needs
Knowledge	The child is told about (or overhears) conversations regarding IPV by: Parents, extended family members, police, child protection workers, judges, lawyers, guardians ad litem, teachers, therapists	Look for: Loss of interest in school, friends, or other things the child enjoyed in the past; anger; bullying; changes in appetite

Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects on Child:
Physical/ Sexual Abuse of Child	Harm to the child’s physical safety, security, and wellbeing: Hitting, choking, abduction, trafficking, withholding food, interfering with education or healthcare	Look for: Stalking, sexual assault, abuse during pregnancy, threats to kill, strangulation, controlling behaviors, access to weapons, increased frequency or severity of IPV, child abuse, animal abuse, excessive jealousy or obsession, abuser’s mental state, avoidance of consequences, etc.
Emotional Abuse of Child	Harm to child’s emotional safety, development, security, or wellbeing: Name calling, shaming, destroying things, isolation from friends, threaten to harm, creating chaos, interrupting schedules	Look for: Anxiety or restlessness, fear of being alone, nightmares or sleep disruptions, inability to focus, lack of interest, exaggerated startle response, difficulty separating from parents, etc.

Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects on Child:
Neglect of Child	Failure to meet the child’s physical, emotional, educational, and medical needs: Leaving child unattended, not assisting child with their schoolwork, failing to feed child regularly, lack of affection towards child, or failure to give child medical care.	Look for: Unexplained injuries, sudden decline in academic performance, weight-loss, increase in tantrums or outburst, child becoming withdrawn, increase in health issues.
Economic Abuse of Child	Unnecessary harm to the child’s economic stability or security: Refusing to pay bills, refusing to pay child support, delayed or late child support payments, hiding assets, emptying bank accounts, shutting off utilities, cancelling insurance	Look for: Poverty, homelessness, social isolation, exclusion from higher education or extracurricular activities, child support arrears, increased responsibility to work or care for younger children, etc.

PARENTING BY PARENT CAUSING HARM

Forms of IPV:

Nature & Context:

Effects on Child:

Use of Child as Tool of IPV

Use of child to control, manipulate, threaten, or harm the other parent:

Using visitation to access other parent, disrupting visitation schedule, using child to bargain with other parent

Look for: Failure to meet physical or emotional milestones, maladaptive stress responses, poor sleep/awake functioning, emotional detachment, negative feelings about being loved, confident, and safe to explore the world, etc.

Denying Impact of IPV on Child

Failure to acknowledge and repair damage from one's own abuse:

Justifying or excusing abuse, blaming others for abuse, demanding respect, refusing to get help, refusing counseling for child

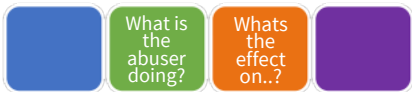
Look for: Self-harm, delinquency, running away, physical aggression or bullying, hyperactivity, truancy, unregulated temper, defiance of authority, regressive behaviors (baby talk, crying spells, fear of the dark, clinginess), promiscuity, etc.

PARENTING BY PARENT CAUSING HARM



Forms of IPV:	Nature & Context:	Effects on Child:
Ignoring Child's Separate Needs	Failure to distinguish child's needs or identity separate from one's own: Putting one's own needs above child's, obsessively attaching to child, believing child is being poisoned by other parent without cause, believing child and other parent are conspiring without cause	Look for: Poor verbal, analytic, or motor skill development, academic underachievement, distorted memory, trouble concentrating, thinking, learning, or processing information, etc.
Undermining Other's Parenting Relationship	Interference with other parent's relationship or parental authority: Violating established parenting time agreements, disrupting child's routine, ignoring child's allergies or illnesses, disparaging other parent in front of child, engaging in harassing litigation	Look for: Lack of empathy, distrust, aggression, manipulation, etc.

BIOC FACTORS	PARENT A	PARENT B
1. PARENTS' WISHES What are the parent's wishes?		
How does domestic abuse impact parents' wishes? Do parents have any fears or worries? What are the past/current arrangements? How do wishes account for child's safety? Are wishes realistic given context of abuse?		
2. WISHES AND CONCERNS OF CHILD What are the wishes and concerns of the child?		
How does domestic abuse impact child's wishes? What is the impact of abuse on the child? What is the impact of trauma on the child? Does child have any fears or worries? Has abuse interfered with child's daily life?		
3. PARENT'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH What, if any, mental and/or physical health concerns exist?		
How does abuse impact the health of parents/child? Impact on the safety of parents/child? Emotional impact on parents/child? How do parents and children cope? What supports have been sought? What other supports are available?		



EFFECTS ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD (BIOC)
GENERAL FACTORS

BIOC FACTORS

PARENT A

PARENT B

4. PARENT’S ABILITY TO FACILITATE CONTACT
WITH THE OTHER PARENT (absent abuse)

Are the parents honoring and facilitating parenting time with the other parent and, if not, what is getting in the way?

How does abuse impact parenting time?

Is access plan safe for parents and child?
Are there any concerns, fears, anxieties?
What is the level of parental involvement?
Any threats to harm or take child away?
Any recent/post-separation changes?

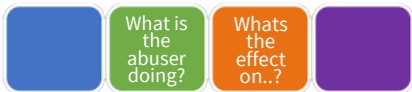
5. CHILD’S RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENT’S,
SIBLINGS, AND ANY THIRD PARTY

What do the child’s interactions and interrelationships look like?

How does abuse impact child’s relationships?

Look for indications of:

Physical/sexual abuse of parent or child
Emotional abuse of parent or child
Interference with parental authority
Interference with child’s privacy
Interference with other parent’s privacy
Use of child to spy on other parent
Use of child to manipulate other parent
Isolation of child from friends or family
Isolation of child from social activities
Age inappropriate actions/behaviors



EFFECTS ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD (BIOC)

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GENERAL FACTORS

BIOC FACTORS

PARENT A

PARENT B

6. EVIDENCE OF ABUSE/HISTORY OF IPV

Does evidence exist of abuse against the parent or child by the other parent?

Does abuse raise other considerations?

Personal interactions, access to resources, children and parenting, control of daily life, emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or other implications?

7. PARENTS' ABILITY TO CARE FOR CHILD

Which parent provides most of the day-to-day child care and is best equipped to address the child's needs?

How does separation effect the ability of either parent to take care of the child?

Who takes the child to the doctor?

Who is able to administer medication to the child?

History of parental involvement?

Who is most familiar with the child's routine?

8. CHILD'S ADJUSTMENT TO HOME/SCHOOL

How is the child functioning in relation to home, school and community?

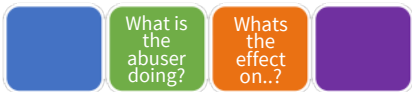
How does abuse impact child's adjustment?

Any effect on home, school, social life?

Isolation/interference with daily activities?

Threat to child's basic needs?

Does child have fears, concerns, anxieties?



EFFECTS ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD (BIOC)
GENERAL FACTORS

BIOC FACTORS

PARENT A

PARENT B

9. STABILITY OF HOME/CONTINUITY OF CARE

Will the child have to move or change schools if there is a change in custody?

How does abuse impact decision making regarding home and school?

How does relocation account for child safety?
How does it account for child wellbeing?
Will the custody order meet child's basic needs?
Any threats to harm or take child away?

10. PARENT'S ABILITY TO AGREE, COMMUNICATE, AND COOPERATE

Are the parents able to communicate with one another? (Considering the presence of an order of protection or other safety concerns)

How does abuse affect communication between the parents?

Is there an application or medium where the parents can safely communicate?
Any concern, fears, anxieties about access of one parent to another?
Any threats to harm or take child away?
Any post-separation changes?

11. OTHER



EFFECTS ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD (BIOC)
GENERAL FACTORS

BIOC FACTORS	PARENT A	PARENT B	NOTES/SUPPORTING FACTS
Parents' Wishes			
Wishes and Concerns of Child			
Parents' Mental and Physical Health			
Parents' Ability to Facilitate Contact with Other Parent (absent abuse)			
Child's Relationships with Parents', Siblings, and Any Third Party			



EFFECTS ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD (BIOC) GENERAL FACTORS

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BIOC FACTORS	PARENT A	PARENT B	NOTES/SUPPORTING FACTS
Evidence of Abuse/History of IPV			
Parents' Ability to Care for Child			
Child's Adjustment to Home/School, etc.			
Stability of Home/Continuity of Existing Care			
Parents' Ability to Agree, Communicate, and Cooperate			

RESPONDING TO IPV

Nature/Context of IPV	Implications of IPV		Options & Interventions
Coercive Control	Effect of Coercive Control	Parents' Wishes Wishes & Concerns of Child Parents' Mental & Physical Health	Parent Experiencing Harm: Limit/prohibit access to parent exp. abuse Support victim's efforts to protect the child
Parent Experiencing Abuse	Effect on Parent Experiencing Abuse	Parents' Ability to Facilitate Contact with Other Parent (absent abuse)	Coercive Control: Limit communication between parents Set detailed schedules for parenting time
Child's Experience of IPV & Abuse	Child's Experience	Child's Relationships with Parents', Siblings, and Any Third Party	Parent Causing Harm: Conduct review hearings for compliance with orders Refer parent causing harm to batterer intervention for assessment and proper services
Parenting by Parent Causing Harm	Effect on Child Best Interest of the Child	Evidence of Abuse/History of IPV Parents' Ability to Care for Child Child's Adjustment to Home/School, etc. Stability of Home/Continuity of Existing Care Parents' Ability to Agree, Communicate, and Cooperate	Child: Incorporate child's interests into parenting plan Connect child to community based resources Other: See back

What is
the
abuser
doing?Whats
the
effect
on...?What
can be
done?**RESPONDING TO IPV****COERCIVE CONTROL**

- ☐ Prescribe frequency and methods of communication (email only, text only, etc.)
- ☐ Restrict length and/or content of communication (1-page, 10-minutes, scope, etc.)
- ☐ Limit access to sensitive information (addresses, account numbers, SSNs, records)
- ☐ Require neutral exchange locations (school, place of business, etc.)
- ☐ Appoint a post-visitation safety monitor to ensure visits are safe and go as planned
- ☐ Periodically monitor and conduct risk and danger assessments
- ☐ Hold parent causing harm accountable for unjustified, unexcused, intentional violations
- ☐ Establish schedule for parent causing harm to demonstrate compliance with plan
- ☐ Set automatic consequences for non-compliance with parenting plan
- ☐ Appoint a compliance monitor at cost of parent causing harm
- ☐ Designate parent experiencing abuse as the custodian of records
- ☐ Secure documents parent exp. abuse needs to care for and protect the child
- ☐ Secure immigration documents
- ☐ Secure health insurance for parent experiencing abuse and child
- ☐ Establish automatic bill-paying processes for abuser's financial obligations
- ☐ Other:

PARENT CAUSING HARM

- ☐ Conduct review hearings
- ☐ Refer parent causing harm to parenting after violence/ batterers intervention for assessment and proper services
- ☐ Grant sole legal custody to parent experiencing harm, with or without specified exceptions
- ☐ Define consequences for non-compliance with access restrictions
- ☐ Appoint a parenting consultant to confer with parent causing harm on all major decisions
- ☐ Appoint a parenting monitor to oversee and periodically assess parenting of parent causing harm
- ☐ Limit parent causing harm's ability to dispose of real or personal property or to dissipate assets
- ☐ Appoint a special master to monitor and effectuate property allocations
- ☐ Prohibit access to weapons/firearms
- ☐ Include provision parent causing harm can only claim children on taxes if current on child support
- ☐ Other:

PARENT EXPERIENCING ABUSE

- ☐ Limit methods of communication (court approved parenting communication application, no in-person, telephonic or social media contact)
- ☐ Issue and enforce no contact orders and orders for protection
- ☐ Require third party exchanges (professional, friend, family member, etc.)
- ☐ Restrict visitation to designated location (grandparent's home, public park, church)
- ☐ Restrict visitation to a geographical area (25-mile radius, in town, state, or country)
- ☐ Condition visitation on having third party present (professional, friend, family)
- ☐ Restrict what can happen during visitation (no alcohol or drugs, no weapons/firearms, etc.)
- ☐ Establish benchmarks for unsupervised access (no abuse, no threats, no violations)
- ☐ Condition access on compliance with established terms (sobriety, BIP, car seat, etc.)
- ☐ Permit the parent experiencing abuse to relocate with the child in accordance with the law
- ☐ Other:

CHILD

- ☐ Provide parent experiencing harm with information about available community based resources
- ☐ Facilitate parent exp. abuse's access to available community-based resources
- ☐ Establish self-executing parenting plan enforcement mechanisms
- ☐ Allow direct and expedited access to parenting plan enforcement mechanisms
- ☐ Delineate reasonable house rules
- ☐ Limit ways parent causing harm may object to parenting decisions
- ☐ Make relationship findings (age, existence of marriage, parent-child relationships)
- ☐ Ensure that parenting plan accommodates child's interests, activities and supports
- ☐ Provide sufficient parenting time flexibility to adapt to child's age and social needs
- ☐ Structure parenting time to maintain access to child's support system
- ☐ Connect child and parent exp. abuse to available community-based resources
- ☐ Other: