

Substance Abuse Risk Assessment Questions

1. What were the issues that brought the children and/or family to my attention?
2. What is the family's perspective of this problem?
3. How do the current problems impact the *immediate* safety of the children?
4. Am I relying on labels to influence this assessment? If so, what are the behaviors that impact the risk or safety of the children?
5. Have I considered the family's cultural background?
6. How is my personal framework affecting my assessment of the family's problems?
7. What is the evidence that supports my conclusions?
8. What is the evidence that disputes my conclusions?
9. What other evidence should I explore?
10. What could be another explanation for the client's behavior?
11. Have I examined precipitating events as well as consequences of behaviors?
12. What visual signs have I observed of substance abuse?