

Parenting/Family Functioning Assessment

Location: Home Based

Client: Parent/Family

Duration: Short Term – Assessment to determine needs

Payer: DCS

Summary:

Parenting/family functioning assessment is an in home evaluation which includes standardized test instrument(s) to identify the strengths and needs of the family. The service is most appropriately used when the needs of the family are so complex that a traditional assessment completed by a Family Case Manager is not able to determine the services necessary to improve the family's functioning. These families tend to have multiple caregiver ratings on the CANS of 2 or higher which indicates complex needs.

Assessments Include:

- An interview with the adults and children being assessed in their current home environment;
- Completion by adults of standardized test(s) to include a parenting inventory (such as Parent-Child Relationship Inventory; Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory-2; Family Assessment Device, Version 3; Family Assessment Measure Version III (FAM-III); and/or the Child Abuse Potential Inventory and /or another Standard Risk Assessment Instrument;
- Observation of the parent(s) relationship with the child(ren); tour of the proposed home environment noting any needs or challenges.
- Review of other information sources to verify family's reported history (e.g., previous DCS history, collateral contacts).