CHILD VULNERABILITIES AND FUNCTIONING

PHYSICAL							
0	Child is young (birth to five years of age).	0	Child is small in height or weight.				
0	Child cannot verbalize that maltreatment is occurring.	0	Child is physically unable to remove themself from a situation.				
0	Child is obese.	0	Child is immobile.				
0	Child's soft spot (on the head) has not yet closed.	0	Child has a disfigurement/deformity.				
0	Child has a chronic physical illness/diagnosis.	0	Child has an acute physical illness that requires special care and attention.				
0	Child requires intensive physical care (medically fragile, hearing impaired, blind, etc.).	0	Child is not visible to others outside of the family system (does not attend daycare,				
0	Child has a physical disability (temporary or permanent) that requires special care		school, extracurricular activities, etc.				
	and attention (physical therapy, diabetic, developmentally disabled, hearing	0	Child's appearance provokes parental hostility (resembles an individual the caretaker				
	impaired, etc.).		does not like).				
EMOTIONAL							
0	Child has a mental health diagnosis (depression, anxiety, PTSD, OCD, etc.).	0	Child does not demonstrate an attachment to caretaker and/or significant others				
0	Child has difficulty adapting to disruptions, transitions, or changes without distress.		(siblings, friends, relatives, etc.).				
0	Child is overly distractible and cannot tolerate external events or stimulation as it	0	Child is withdrawn, disengaged, or antisocial.				
	interferes or diverts the child from an ongoing activity.	0	Child cannot tolerate frustration – (how easily the child can withstand the				
0	Child overreacts to audible noises.		disorganizing effects of limits, obstacles, and rules).				
0	Child is passive and easily influenced.	0	Child lacks the ability to deescalate themself.				
0	Child is overly sensitive to physical touch.	0	Child requires intense emotional support from their caretaker.				

• Child blames self for abuse/neglect occurring.

		COGNITIVE	
0	Child cannot recognize actions that are neglectful.	0	Child cannot recognize actions that are abusive.
0	Child has a cognitive disability (Autism, Down Syndrome, ADD, etc.).	0	Child has a learning disability or learning difficulty (reading, writing, math, etc.).
0	Child has a mental health diagnosis that impacts understanding/reasoning.	0	Child is unable to communicate.
0	Child has cognitive developmental delays.	0	Child is unable to understand actions of "cause and effect".
0	Child does not have the ability to problem solve.	0	Child believes they are powerless.
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BEHAVIORAL							
o Chi	nild is exhibiting signs of withdrawal (trembling, irritability, excessive crying, poor	0	Child is argumentative.				
fee	eding, etc.).	0	Child seeks negative attention by agitating others.				
o Infa	fant is colicky or cannot be consoled.	0	Child is unable to soothe self or self-regulate.				
o Chi	nild has difficulty sleeping.	0	Child engaged in criminal activity.				
o Chi	nild is in a stage of development that creates parental frustration (e.g., the child is	0	The child has a diagnosis that impacts their behaviors (Autism, attention				
not	ot potty trained, has temper tantrums, bites).		deficit/hyperactivity).				

- Child demonstrates provocative behaviors.
- Child demonstrates sexually provocative behaviors.
- Child is defiant towards others.
- Child is physically aggressive towards others.
- Child is sexually aggressive towards others.
- Child is oppositional to authority figures (parents, caregivers, teachers, law enforcement, etc.).
- Child has engaged in self-harm or is actively suicidal.
- Child runs away or is a flight risk.

- Child's energy level is high.
- Child has the inability to maintain peer relationships.
- Child is in constant motion.
- Child is involved with juvenile court (unruly/delinquent).
- Child is verbally aggressive towards others.
- Child is parentified.
- Child reacts intensely to events in their environment.
- Child uses substances.
- The child demonstrates fear of a member of the family system.

	H	HISTORICAL	
0	Child has a history of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional).	0	Child is passive as a result of prior maltreatment.
0	Child has experienced chronic neglect in their life.	0	Child reported feeling powerless in the past.
0	Child is non-communicative regarding their history of abuse/neglect.	0	Child has a history of juvenile justice system involvement (delinquency/unruly,
0	Child has experienced repeated victimization.		abuse/neglect/dependency).
0	Child has feared a member of the family system.	0	Child is aggressive as a result of prior victimization.
0	Power and control were used to intimidate the child within the family system.	0	Child has a history of trauma.