

DESCRIPTION OF THE FAMILY ASSESSMENT (INSTRUCTIONS):

PURPOSE:

This document is given to the parents by the Children's Service Worker (CSW) conducting the family assessment at the time of the initial contact. The CSW should explain to the family the information contained in the form at the time it is provided. The form describes the family assessment process and informs the parent(s) that a Family Assessment must be completed, or, if the family is uncooperative, it may be necessary to request assistance from law enforcement or the juvenile office to determine the child's safety. The county name, address, telephone number, county director and date the form is provided is to be written in ink or typed at the top of the form.

NUMBER OF COPIES AND DISTRIBUTION:

The CS-24a shall be given to the parent(s) in person at the time of the first contact. An explanation of the family assessment approach shall be provided at that time. The form may also be given to other persons contacted during a family assessment to inform them of what constitutes an assessment. The CSW documents in the case record the date the CS-24a is given to the parent(s).

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