

Overview of Assessment Study Guide

Module one

- 1) What are the four main goals of the Structured Decision Making (SDM) system?

- 2) What is the purpose of standardized assessment?

- 3) What are the six SDM tools found in the SDM Policy and Procedure manual?

- 4) What are some things that social workers should avoid when making decisions?

- 5) How do SDM tools help increase consistency in child welfare decisions around safety and risk?

- 6) Please define the following:

a. Safety threats: _____

b. Risk factors: _____

- 7) Why is it important for social workers to understand the difference between safety threats and risk factors?

- 8) What is the purpose of the SDM safety assessment tool?

- 9) What are the factors to consider when assessing for safety threats?

- 10) What are the three basic questions you can use with families when conducting a balanced and rigorous assessment?

- 11) What are some examples of questions you can ask to help you be behaviorally specific using the following four elements when assessing caregiver actions and impact on the child:

a. What _____

b. When _____

c. Where _____

d. How _____

12) What are four helpful concepts in identifying safety?

13) Please define the following:

- a. Harm Statements: _____
- b. Danger Statements: _____
- c. Safety Goals: _____

14) What is the purpose of the SDK Risk Assessment Tool?

15) What are some factors that increase the likelihood that a child will be harmed in the future?

16) Please define the following:

- a. Strengths _____
- b. Household strengths and protective factors _____
- c. Safety _____

17) When assessing a family's household strengths and protective factors, what are some questions you may use to determine the following:

- a. Behavioral characteristics: _____
- b. Cognitive characteristics: _____
- c. Emotional characteristics: _____

18) Please define the "Minimum Sufficient Level of Care (MSLC)"

19) What are three factors to consider for the MSLC?

20) What are some steps for building an effective safety plan?

Overview of Assessment Procedures – Module 2

1. What are the SDM tools used during each of the following phases of child welfare services:

- a. Intake: _____
- b. Investigation: _____
- c. Ongoing: _____

2. What is the purpose of the Hotline tool?

3. What are the screening criteria included in the hotline tool?

4. What are some questions that the Safety Assessment tool can help you answer?

5. What are the five child vulnerability factors on the Safety Assessment tool?

6. What are the five sections of the Safety Assessment tool?

7. When should the SDM Risk Assessment be completed?

8. What are the four sections of the Risk Assessment tool?

9. You should always consult with your supervisor and county policy before selecting overrides on the Risk Assessment tool. True False

10. What is the purpose of the SDM Family Strengths and Needs Assessment (FSNA) tool?

11. What are 3 examples of the FSNA Caregiver Domains?_____

12. What are 3 examples of the FSNA Child Domains?

13. What is the purpose of the SDM Family Risk Reassessment for Inm home cases tool?

14. When should the SDM Family Risk Reassessment for Inm home cases tool be completed?

15. What is the purpose of the SDM Reunification Reassessment tool?

16. What are the four sections of the Reunification Reassessment tool?
