



Larimer County 101 Class,

Following is a homework activity and some reference material to use in preparation for the class presentation scheduled for April 11, 2019.

During part of the class on April 11th, you will participate in an activity reviewing a child protection referral. The class will experience the referral mapping process and participate in a discussion to determine if the referral meets the criteria to assign for a child protection assessment.

Material to review prior to the class:

Please review the **Agency Response Guide** to prepare you to participate in this decision-making process.

Review the RED Team framework. This form is used to categorize the information provided in a referral. The mapping of this information facilitates critical thinking and aids in the decision-making process.

Activity:

The Department of Human Services, Benefits and Community Support Division determines eligibility for State and Federal funded programs. You can apply at any of our offices, request an application mailed to you or apply online for Food, Cash and Medical assistance.

We encourage you to practice on the Website and see what clients can do online. Please use the following information to determine if the hypothetical family listed below may be eligible for benefits.

To apply online please visit colorado.gov/peak
From there, click on 'AM I ELIGIBLE'



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[Click here for details](#)



To advance through screens, use the "NEXT" button located at the bottom of the screen. You may need to scroll down to locate on the first screen.

This PEAK Eligibility screening tool does not make a determination for **Medical Assistance** at this time. If you want to see if you qualify for **Medical Assistance**, please [click here](#) and fill out an application.

Some advantages of using Colorado PEAK are: the privacy of accessing from home; the ability to use any internet connected [computer](#), anytime or anywhere; the ability to work at your own pace; and easily accommodate your schedule.

Ready to get started? Use the mouse to click the Next button! Do not use the Forward, Back or Stop buttons on your browser. Instead, use the buttons at the bottom of each page. If you would like more information,

[Click here to read more about how to use this website.](#)

Next

Once completed, note the end results to discuss on April 11, 2019 Larimer 101.

You can also input your own information to see if you are potentially eligible.

Name	Gender	Age	Relationship	Income	Monthly Expenses
Jane	Female	31	Mother	\$1400 per	Cell phone



				month	\$50
Bobby	Male	13	Child		Medical Expenses \$40

Bonus Homework

When you are at the grocery store, see how much food you can get for \$15.00. Bring the list.

Agency Response Guide

1. WHAT IS THE ALLEGED ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT IN THIS REFERRAL?
2. DOES THE ALLEGED ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT MEET CRITERIA FOR AGENCY RESPONSE?

The following definitions were taken from Colorado Children's Code Title 19, 19-1-103:

_Any case in which a child exhibits evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, failure to thrive, burns, fracture of any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue swelling, or death and either: Such condition or death is not justifiably explained; the history given concerning such condition is at variance with the degree or type of such condition or death; or the circumstances indicate that such condition may not be the product of an accidental occurrence.

_Any case in which a child is subjected to unlawful sexual behavior.

_Any case in which a child is a child in need of services because the child's parents, legal guardian, or custodian fails to take the same actions to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision that a prudent parent would take.

_Any case in which a child is subjected to emotional abuse. As used in this subparagraph (IV), "emotional abuse" means an identifiable and substantial impairment of the child's intellectual or psychological functioning or development or a substantial risk of impairment of the child's intellectual or psychological functioning or development.

_Any case in which a parent, guardian, or legal custodian has abandoned the child or has subjected him or her to mistreatment or abuse or a parent, guardian, or legal custodian has suffered or allowed another to mistreat or abuse the child without taking lawful means to stop such mistreatment or abuse and prevent it from recurring.

_Any case in which a child lacks proper parental care through the actions or omissions of the parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

_Any case in which a child's environment is injurious to his or her welfare.

_Any case in which, in the presence of a child, or on the premises where a child is found, or where a child resides, a controlled substance, as defined in section 18-18-102 (5), C.R.S., is manufactured or attempted to be manufactured.

_Any case in which a child tests positive at birth for either a schedule I controlled substance, as defined in section 18-18-203, C.R.S., or a schedule II controlled substance, as defined in section 18-18-204, C.R.S., unless the child tests positive for a schedule II controlled substance as a result of the mother's lawful intake of such substance as prescribed.

_Any case in which a child is subjected to human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude, as described in section 18-3-504, C.R.S.

_No, does not require further action (screen out) per Social Services Rule 7.103.4.

3. DETERMINE RESPONSE TIME: (7.103.61) [Eff. 2/1/18]

The decision of how quickly to initiate an assessment shall be based on specific reported information that is credible and that indicates whether a child may be unsafe or at risk of harm.

1. An immediate response is required when a referral indicates that:
 - a. There may be present danger of moderate to severe harm; or,
 - b. The child's vulnerability and/or factors such as drug and alcohol abuse, violence, isolation, or risk of flight increase the need for immediate response.
 - c. An immediate response shall require a response within eight (8) hours from the receipt of the referral. If the victim child(ren)/youth cannot be located within the initial timeframe, subsequent face to face contact attempts shall continue to be made every twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the initial attempted contact.
2. A three (3) calendar day response is required when a referral indicates that:
 - a. There may be impending danger of moderate to severe harm; or,
 - b. The alleged victim child(ren)'s vulnerability and/or factors such as drug and alcohol abuse, violence, isolation, or risk of flight, increase the need for intervention in the near future.
 - c. The three (3) calendar day count starts on the day following the receipt of a referral, and expires at the end of the third calendar day at 11:59 PM following receipt of the referral.
 - d. If the victim child(ren)/youth cannot be located within the initial timeframe, subsequent face to face contact attempts shall continue to be made within every subsequent three calendar days.
3. A five (5) working day response is required when:
 - a. A referral indicates an absence of safety concerns.
 - b. The five (5) day count starts on the first business day following the receipt of a referral and expires at the end of the fifth business day at 11:59 PM following the receipt of the referral.
 - c. If the victim child(ren)/youth cannot be located within the initial timeframe, subsequent face to face contact attempts shall continue to be made within every subsequent five business days.

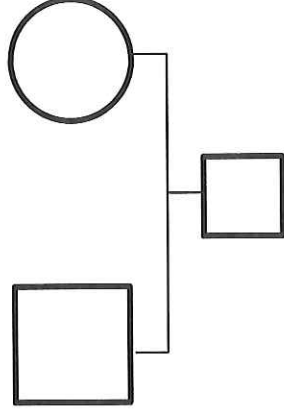
4. BASED ON THE ALLEGATION(S) IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT, SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (Reference Differential Response Alleged Abuse and/or Neglect Guide)

<input type="checkbox"/> High Risk Assessment (SELECT REASON) 7.103.7 (B) HRA is mandatory for a <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ child fatality, near fatality, or egregious incident determined to be the result of abuse and/or neglect,○ institutional abuse, and○ intrafamilial sexual abuse.	Discretionary Reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Currently open HRA response○ Frequent, similar, recent referrals○ Violent activities in the household○ Caregiver declined services in the past○ Caregiver unwilling/unable to achieve safety○ Past safety concerns not resolved○ Previous serious child harm offenses○ Credible RP alleges high safety concern○ High child vulnerability○ Substance Abuse not manageable through FAR○ Domestic Violence not manageable through FAR○ Court ordered investigation○ FAR Eligible, approved exemption – staffing○ Not in FAR County jurisdiction○ Insufficient info to assess for FAR eligibility○ Other (Describe):
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Date of Red Team _____
Date of referral _____
Referral Number _____
Family Name _____
Reporter Name _____

RED Team

Genogram



Danger / Harm

Circumstances known to the reporting party that indicate the children are in imminent danger or that they have been abused or neglected.

Complicating / Risk Factors

Circumstances that make building safety and working with the family more complicated. This includes research-based risk factors.

Child Vulnerability

Factors pertaining to the child(ren) that make them more vulnerable (i.e. age, mental or physical conditions).

Agency History

Include prior CPS referrals, assessments and cases

Gray Area

Circumstances regarding the family that are suspected by the reporting party based on what they have heard. Can include risk factors. Require follow up to determine accuracy and actual risk.

Next Steps

Direction from the RED team for the worker if assigned and/or further screening instructions. Disposition? Family Visitor?.

Cultural Considerations

Race and ethnicity as identified by the Family. Cultural beliefs, values, resources that influence the family's lifestyle and parental practices.

Safety

Actions of protection taken by the caregiver that mitigate the danger, demonstrated over time.

Strengths / Protective Factors

Assets, resources, and capacities within families, individuals, and community that address the risk factors.