

APPENDIX 7: CHILD VICTIM SURVIVOR RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL

Child Victim Survivor Assessment Tool

Child Victim Survivor Details¹

Full Name:	Alias:
Date of Birth:	Also known as:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Woman/Girl <input type="checkbox"/> Man/Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Self-described (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Client preferred not to say <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Intersex: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client preferred not to say <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Transgender: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client preferred not to say <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Sexuality: <input type="checkbox"/> Same sex/gender attracted <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual/other gender attracted <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-gender attracted <input type="checkbox"/> Asexual <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above <input type="checkbox"/> Client preferred not to say <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Primary address:	Current Location:
Contact number:	Comments:
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Client preferred not to say <input type="checkbox"/> Neither <input type="checkbox"/> Not known	CALD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known LGBTIQ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known People with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known
Country of birth:	Year of arrival in Australia:
Bridging or Temporary Visa?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, what type):
Language mainly spoken at home:	Service provider client ID:
Emergency contact:	Name:
Relationship to victim survivor:	Contact Number:

¹ Demographic information may have already been captured in an adult victim survivor's assessment. If so, this section does not need to be completed.

Perpetrator Details

Full Name:

Alias:

Date of Birth:

Also known as:

Gender:

- Woman/Girl Man/Boy
 Self-described (please specify)
 Client preferred not to say
 Unknown

Intersex:

- Yes No
 Client preferred not to say
 Unknown

Transgender:

- Yes No
 Client preferred not to say
 Unknown

Sexuality:

- Same sex/gender attracted
 Heterosexual/other gender attracted
 Multi-gender attracted
 Asexual
 None of the above
 Client preferred not to say
 Unknown

Primary address:

Current Location:

Relationship to victim survivor:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

- Aboriginal
 Torres Strait Islander
 Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 Client preferred not to say
 Neither
 Not known

Service provider client ID:

- CALD** Yes No Not known
LGBTIQ Yes No Not known
People with disabilities Yes No Not known
Rural Yes No Not known

Further details

Was a parent/guardian/adult assessed using the adult victim survivor form prior to this assessment?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate which of the following risk factors were identified in the adult victim survivor assessment:

Factors relevant to adult victim survivor

- Physical assault while pregnant/following new birth*
- Isolation
- Self-assessed level of risk

Factors relevant to adult victim survivor and perpetrator's relationship

- Planning to leave or recent separation*
- Escalation – increase in severity and/or frequency of violence*
- Financial difficulties
- Imminence

Factors relevant to perpetrator

- Use of weapon in most recent event*
- Access to weapons*
- Has ever harmed or threatened to harm victim or family members (including child/ren)
- Has ever tried to strangle or choke the victim*
- Has ever threatened to kill victim*
- Has ever harmed or threatened to harm or kill pets or other animals*
- Has ever threatened or tried to self-harm or commit suicide*
- Stalking of victim*
- Sexual assault of victim*
- Previous or current breach of intervention order
- Drug and/or alcohol misuse/abuse*
- Obsession/jealous behaviour toward victim*
- Controlling behaviours*
- Unemployed/Disengaged from education*
- Depression/mental health issue
- History of violent behaviour (not family violence)
- Physical harm
- History of family violence
- Emotional abuse
- Property damage

* May indicate an increased risk of the victim being killed or almost killed (serious risk factors)

REMEMBER

You may use a variety of sources to answer questions and inform this assessment. Possible sources include:

- ... Using information obtained from external sources (external agencies, L17 data, or other relevant sources)
- ... Using information the adult victim shares about the children during their own adult victim assessment by asking the adult victim appropriate questions about the child victim survivor, or
- ... By asking the child victim survivor questions directly, when appropriate.

Questions are divided into two sections (appropriate questions to ask children / appropriate questions to ask an adult). However, the decision on what source of information informs this assessment is based on professional judgement.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHILD VICTIM SURVIVOR

The following questions can be asked **directly of a child victim survivor** where it is assessed as safe, appropriate and reasonable to do so considering: their age and capacity; their level of maturity; and, their ability to understand the question. **Please use your professional judgement** to decide on how to frame the questions and whether they should be asked directly of the child victim survivor, an adult, or answered through information received from external sources.

Consider your possible legal or policy obligations to report concerns for children's safety and/or wellbeing.

Question	Response
Has the child been exposed to or participated in violence in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has the child telephoned for emergency assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has the child ever been removed from parental care against their will?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has the child witnessed either parent being arrested?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has the child been asked to monitor you by the other parent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has the child intervened in any incidents of physical violence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has the child had contact with the perpetrator post-separation and is it supervised?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has Child Protection ever been involved with the family or other children in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has the child ever accessed counselling or support services?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Do you have possession of the family's passports?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	
Has a crime been committed? (against child or any family member) (Not to be asked of victim survivor. Criminal offenses include physical abuse, sexual assault, threats, pet abuse, property damage, stalking and breaching Intervention Orders)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known)	

QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD VICTIM SURVIVOR

Questions that may be appropriate to ask younger children that may be unable to complete detailed questions. Consider your possible legal or policy obligations to report concerns for children's safety and/or wellbeing.

Question	Response
Are you scared of either of your parents/caregivers or anyone else in the home? (From 1 (not afraid) to 5 (extremely afraid) how afraid of them are you now?) ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known):	
Have you ever been physically hurt by either of your parents/caregivers or anyone else in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known):	
Have you ever tried to stop your parents/caregivers from fighting?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known):	
Has your parent/caregiver said bad things to you about your other parent/caregiver?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known):	
Have you ever had to protect or be protected by a sibling or other child in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments (or not known):	
Further details	

² This scale is not used to assess level of risk. It is an indicator of fear and may indicate the impact on the child.

Protective factors

Risk level assessment and rationale

- Serious risk (and requires immediate protection)
 - Elevated risk
 - At risk
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Rationale:

Needs assessment

Safety plan has been completed? (see separate template) Yes No Not known
