

MINNESOTA FAMILY ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS AND STRENGTHS

SSIS Case Name/#: _____ **Date Report Received:** _____
SSIS Workgroup Name/#: _____ **Tool Date:** _____
County Name/#: _____ **Tool Status:** _____
Worker: _____ **Finalized Date:** _____

Some items apply to all household members while other items apply to caregivers only. Assess items for the specified household members, selecting one-score only under each category. Household members may score differently on each item. When assessing an item for more than one household member, record the score for the household member with the greater need (higher score).

Caregivers are defined as adults living in the household who have routine responsibility for child care. For those items assessing caregivers only, record the score for the caregiver with the greatest need (highest score) when a household has more than one caregiver.

FAMILY NEEDS AND STRENGTHS

S1.	Emotional/mental health		
	Demonstrates good coping skills	-3	
	No known diagnosed mental health problems	0	
	Minor or moderate diagnosed mental health problems	3	
	Chronic or severe diagnosed mental health problems	5	_____
S2.	Parenting skills		
	Good parenting skills	-3	
	Minor difficulties in parenting skills	0	
	Moderate difficulties in parenting skills	3	
	Destructive parenting patterns	5	_____
S3.	Substance abuse		
	No/some substance use	0	
	Moderate substance use problems	3	
	Serious substance use problems	5	_____
S4.	Housing/environment/physical needs		
	Adequate basic needs	-3	
	Some problems, but correctable	0	
	Serious problems, not corrected	3	
	Chronic basic needs deficiency	5	_____
S5.	Family relationships		
	Supportive relationships	-2	
	Occasional problematic relationship(s)	0	
	Domestic discord	2	
	Serious domestic discord/domestic violence	4	_____
S6.	Child characteristics		
	Age-appropriate, no problems	-1	
	Minor problems	0	
	One child has severe/chronic problems	1	
	Children have severe/chronic problems	3	_____
S7.	Social support systems		
	Strong support network	-1	
	Adequate support network	0	
	Limited support network	1	
	No support or destructive relationships	3	_____

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FAMILY NEEDS AND STRENGTHS, CONTINUED

S8.	Caregiver(s) abuse/neglect history				
	No evidence of problem.....	0			
	Caregiver(s) abused/neglected as child.....	1			
	Caregiver(s) in foster care as child.....	2			
	Caregiver(s) perpetrator of abuse/neglect in last 5 years.....	3			_____
S9.	Communication/interpersonal skills				
	Strong skills.....	-1			
	Appropriate skills.....	0			
	Limited or ineffective skills.....	1			
	Hostile/destructive.....	2			_____
S10.	Caregiver(s) life skills				
	Good life skills.....	-1			
	Adequate skills.....	0			
	Poor life skills.....	1			
	Severely deficient life skills.....	2			_____
S11.	Physical health				
	No adverse health problem.....	0			
	Health problem or disability.....	1			
	Serious health problem or disability.....	2			_____
S12.	Employment/income management				
	Employed.....	-1			
	No need for employment.....	0			
	Underemployed.....	1			
	Unemployed.....	2			_____
S13.	Community resource utilization				
	Seeks out and utilizes resources.....	-1			
	Utilizes resources.....	0			
	Resource utilization problems.....	1			
	Refusal to utilize resources.....	2			_____

Based on this assessment, identify the primary needs and strengths of the family.
Record S code, title and item score.

Needs			Strengths				
	<u>S code</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>S Code</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Title</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	3.	_____	_____	_____