

**CPS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL**  
**(Human Resources Administration Child Welfare Administration)**

The following are questions which you should use in your investigation to validate the allegations and assess risk to the children.

**I. TO VALIDATE ALLEGATIONS OF BATTERING**

1. Does your partner ever prevent you from leaving the home, from working or returning to school? YES\_\_\_NO\_\_\_

2. Does your partner destroy possessions or things of value to you?  
YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

3. Does your partner monitor your activities or phone calls?  
YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

4. Does he accuse you of being unfaithful?  
YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

5. Has he ever threatened to commit suicide?  
YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

6. Has your partner ever threatened to injure you or kill you?  
Regularly\_\_\_ Sometimes\_\_\_ Not often\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

7. Has your partner ever hit you, attacked you with a weapon, forced you to have sex, other  
Regularly\_\_\_ Sometimes\_\_\_ Not often\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**II. ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO THE CHILD(REN)**

1. Has your partner ever threatened to hurt, kill or remove the children from the home?  
YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If yes, how often?

2. Have your children ever witnessed your partner hit you? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_  
How Often? Regularly\_\_\_ Sometimes\_\_\_ Not often\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

3. Has your partner hit your child(ren) with belts, straps or other objects which have left marks, bruises, welts, or other serious injuries?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

4. Has your partner touched your child in a way that made you or your child uncomfortable?  
YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

5 Does your child attend school regularly?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

6. Do the teachers complain about your child(ren)'s behavior at school? (fighting, destroying property, not paying attention in class, or withdrawn)

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

7. Does your child(ren)'s behavior remind you or your partner?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If yes: describe:

8. Do you find you have to use physical punishment to get your child(ren) to behave?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If yes: describe:

9. Does your child ever try to hurt him/herself, pets, or destroy possessions?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

10. Is your child anxious and fearful of leaving you?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

### III. ASSESSMENT OF PARENT/CARETAKER'S ABILITY TO PROTECT CHILD(REN)

1. Have you ever left home as a result of abuse?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If not, why?

If yes, when? Where?

2. Have you taken the child(ren) with you?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If not, why?

3. Have the police ever been called for assistance?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If yes, what precinct?

4. Have you ever gone to court to get an order of protection against your partner?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If not, why?

5. Do you want assistance from CWA in seeking a temporary battered women's emergency residence, court order of protection or other services for you and your child(ren)?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If not, why?

### IV. CASEWORKER ASSESSMENT

1. The children are at risk if the parent answers "YES" to any of the following questions: Section I, questions 6,7, and/or Section II, questions 1,3.

Actions: Assess imminent risk to the children. If children are at risk from the batterer, assist

parent to obtain temporary emergency residence or court order of protection. if the parent/caretaker refuses or is unable to accept necessary services to protect the children or is responsible for abusing the children: Follow procedure to remove children immediately.

2. If the allegations are indicated and the children are not at risk of physical injuries but exhibit serious emotional/behavioral difficulties:

Actions: Discuss your observations and assessment with the parent/ caretaker then refer to battered women's emergency residence or domestic violence counseling services for her and the children. If parent/caretaker refuses needed services for children: Request case conference with Supervisor regarding other approaches.

3. If the allegations of domestic violence and/or risk to the child(ren) is not clear because you believe the victim and/or family members are not responding to the questions truthfully:

Actions: Request case conference with Supervisor.

V. ACTIONS TAKEN (Reminder: on all cases, contact Precinct Youth Officer for additional information, if available.) Based on your assessment what actions have you taken?