



Reflection Worksheet

Assessment & Decision-Making in Cases With Co-Occurring Issues

This year's Child Welfare Virtual Expo is designed to be an interactive virtual learning experience where you can hear from experts, identify successful strategies to incorporate into your work, and make connections with others in the child welfare community. This session walks through three phases of child welfare interaction with families: front-end investigation, case planning/service provision, and case resolution. Presenters will offer system and agency perspectives on the positive effects of cross-system collaboration among child welfare, substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental health partners at each phase.

During this session you will build knowledge in these key areas:

- Understanding how collaboration among service providers can impact accurate and comprehensive child welfare assessments.
- Identifying strategies or models to promote collaboration.
- Engaging system partners in collaborations that enhance safety assessment and decision-making by child welfare agencies.

Linking what you hear and see in this session to your everyday work will help you identify where you want to realize change in your agency and the techniques that can help you along the way. Use the table below to keep track of your thoughts during the virtual reflection session.

Virtual Reflection Questions

1. How does your agency or community currently assess issues of substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence during initial investigation?	
2. What components of the four-pronged approach does your community have in place?	
3. What policy and practice changes would be needed to implement it?	
4. Who in your agency is currently involved in case planning with families that have some combination of substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence challenges? How does coordination of those services take place?	
5. How can your agency align case planning and service delivery decision-making with substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence partners?	
6. What did you learn in today's session that will help you solve any existing barriers to collaboration?	
Additional thoughts:	

