

Appendix H

Sample Screening Questions for a Domestic Violence Referral to CPS

Who is involved in the domestic violence?

Who is the primary aggressor?

What exactly has happened?

Describe the behaviors of the primary aggressor.

When did this occur?

Was the victim injured or harmed?

Were any weapons used?

Was anyone under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs?

Where were the children? How were they impacted?

Have the police been out to the home for domestic violence?

If yes, who called the police?

Were charges filed?

Against whom?

Have there been credible verbal threats?

By whom? To whom?

Is there a pattern of domestic violence (or first incident)?

How does the aggressor display any patterns of control over their partner?

Has a child been injured as a result of domestic violence? How so?

How did it happen?

Who was the aggressor during this incident?

What caused the incident?

How else has the child been affected by the batterers' behaviors?

Has the victim ever previously pressed charges?

Have there ever been orders of protection? When?

What have been the victim's efforts to promote the safety and wellbeing of the child (other than leaving or contacting police)?

Is the perpetrator on probation or ever served time for domestic violence?

Have you witnessed the violence first hand?

If no, how did you learn of this incident?

Can you provide us with additional names and numbers of persons having knowledge?