

Worksheet for the Harm to Older Persons Evaluation

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Step 1: Case Information Gather relevant background information

Identifying Information

Perpetrator:

Victim:

Evaluator:

Date completed:

Sources of information reviewed:

Steps 2 & 3: Presence and Relevance of Risk Factors Determine the presence of risk factors (Past and Recent), as well as their relevance

to the development of future management strategies (Future)

| Nature of Abuse | Coding |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| N1. Neglect | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Past |
| N2. Emotional Abuse | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | |
| N3. Financial Abuse | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| N4. Intimidation/Threats | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |

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| N5. Physical Abuse | Presence: Past |
|---|-------------------------------|
| NJ. F Hysical Abuse | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | |
| | Presence: Recent |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
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| N6. Abuse is Persistent | Presence: Past |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | |
| | Presence: Recent |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
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| N7. Abuse is Escalating | Presence: Past |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | Presence: Recent |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | |
| | |
| | Presence: Past |
| N8. Abuse Involves Supervision Violations | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | |
| | Presence: Recent |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
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| Other Considerations Related to the Nature of the Abuse | Presence: Past |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | |
| | Presence: Recent |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
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| Perpetrator Risk Factors | | | Coding |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|
| P1. Problems with Physical Health | \Box Diagnosed | □Undiagnosed | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| P2. Problems with Mental Health | □Diagnosed | □Undiagnosed | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| P3. Problems with Substance Use | | | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| P4. Dependency | | | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |

| P5. Problems with Stress and Coping | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |
| P6. Problems with Attitudes | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |
| P7. Victimization | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |
| P8. Problems with Relationships | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |
| Other Considerations Related to the Perpetrator (Risk or Protective) | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |

| Victim Vulnerability Factors | | | Coding |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|
| V1. Problems with Physical Health | □Diagnosed | □Undiagnosed | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| V2. Problems with Mental Health | \Box Diagnosed | □Undiagnosed | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| V3. Problems with Substance Use | | | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| V4. Dependency | | | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | | | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |

| V5. Problems with Stress and Coping | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
|---|---|
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| V6. Problems with Attitudes | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |
| V7. Victimization | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |
| V8. Problems with Relationships | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |
| Other Considerations Related to the Victim (Risk or Protective) | Presence: Past □Y □P □N □O |
| | Presence: Recent □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future □Y □P □N □O |

| Community and Institutional Responsivity Factors | Coding |
|---|--|
| R1. Problems with Availability | Relevance: Future Perpetrator □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future Victim □Y □P □N □O |
| R2. Problems with Accessibility | Relevance: Future Perpetrator □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future Victim □Y □P □N □O |
| R3. Problems with Affordability | Relevance: Future Perpetrator □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future Victim □Y □P □N □O |
| R4. Problems with Acceptability | Relevance: Future Perpetrator □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future Victim □Y □P □N □O |
| R5. Problems with Appropriateness | Relevance: Future Perpetrator □Y □P □N □O |
| | Relevance: Future Victim □Y □P □N □O |
| Other Considerations Related to Community and Institutional Support (Risk or Protective) | Relevance: Future Perpetrator □Y □P □N □O Relevance: Future Victim |
| | $\Box Y \Box P \Box N \Box O$ |

Step 4: Risk Scenarios

Identify and describe the most plausible scenarios of future older person abuse; revise Step 3 as required

| | Scenario #1 | Scenario #2 | Scenario #3 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nature What kind of older person abuse is the person likely to perpetrate? Who are the likely victims? What is the likely motivation? That is, what might the person be trying to accomplish? | | | |
| Severity What would be the psychological harm to victims? What would be the physical harm to victims? Is there a chance that the violence might escalate to serious or life-threatening older person abuse? | | | |
| Imminence How soon might the person engage in older person abuse? Are there any warning signs that might signal that the risk is increasing or imminent? | | | |
| Frequency/Duration How often might the older person abuse occur — once, several times, frequently? Is the risk chronic or acute (i.e., time-limited)? | | | |
| Likelihood In general, how frequent or common is this type of older person abuse? Based on this person's history, how likely is it that this type of older person abuse will occur? | | | |

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Step 5: Management Strategies

Recommend strategies for managing the risk of older person abuse; revise Steps 3 and 4 as required

| | Scenario #1 | Scenario #2 | Scenario #3 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Monitoring What is the best way to monitor warning signs that the risks posed by the perpetrator may be increasing? What events, occurrences, or circumstances should trigger a re- assessment of risk? | | | |
| Treatment What treatment or rehabilitation strategies could be implemented to manage the risks posed by the perpetrator? Which deficits in psychosocial adjustment are high priorities for intervention? | | | |
| Supervision What supervision or surveillance strategies could be implemented to manage the risks posed by the perpetrator? What restrictions on activity, movement, association, or communication are indicated? | | | |
| Victim Safety Planning What steps could be taken to enhance the security of potential victims? How might the physical security or self-protective skills of potential victims be improved? | | | |
| Community and Institutional Supports What could be done to strengthen community or institutional supports? What could be done to improve coordination of community or institutional supports? | | | |

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Step 6: Conclusory Opinions Document summary judgments Opinion Coding Comments **Case Prioritization** What level of effort or intervention will □Low/Routine be required to prevent further older □Moderate/Elevated person abuse? • To what extent is this opinion limited in □High/Urgent light of information that is unclear, unavailable, or missing? Serious Physical Harm • What is the risk the older person abuse **DLow** will involve serious or life-threatening □Moderate physical harm? • To what extent is this opinion limited in □High light of information that is unclear, unavailable, or missing? **Imminent Violence** What is the risk that the older person **DLow** abuse may occur in the near future, for □Moderate example, in the coming hours to days or days to weeks? □High What preventive steps were or should be taken immediately? **Reasonableness of Fear** • Given the circumstances how reasonable □Too high is the victim's level of fear. □Appropriate • To what extent is this opinion limited in □Too low light of information that is unclear, unavailable, or missing? Other Risks Indicated • Is there evidence that the person poses other risks, such as sexual violence, □No suicide, or self-harm, or risks to other □Possibly individuals, such as family, or care staff? □Yes • Should the person be evaluated for other risks? **Case Review** Date for review • When should the case be scheduled for (YYYY-MM-DD): routine review (re-assessment)? What circumstances should trigger a special review (re-assessment)?

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