

Comprehensive CPS Assessment

Background Notes

After completing initial contacts and ensuring the child's immediate safety, if necessary, through a protective action, the CPS worker must complete the CPS comprehensive assessment. There are specific family and child functioning areas that need to be assessed during that time. The initial contacts are part of the comprehensive 30-day CPS assessment. There are many tasks that need to be completed during the thirty-day assessment period.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Meet with a CPS worker and ask the worker to discuss a case with you in which the worker has placed a child in protective custody. Ask them what tasks need to be completed and by when. Ask if the worker has any "cheat sheets" to help guide them and who they might consult with during this time.
- Ask the worker to explain the 6 domains?
- How does the worker determine the disposition of an assessment?
- If a CPS worker has an open assessment and they have not placed a child in custody, what kinds of things are they assessing in that 30 day period? Why might it take a full 30 days to assess the safety of a child?

Discoveries:

- *What did you learn about activities that need to be completed within 30 days of opening a case?*
- *Can a worker close an assessment before 30 days?*
- *If a child is removed from their home, is it possible for them to be returned within 30 days?*