

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Report



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- Review of Policy and Materials
- Publications Provided
- Secondary Research
- Other/Group Facilitation

Situation and Technical Assistance Request

South Carolina Department of Social Services requested technical assistance to revise their safety assessment and case planning tools to incorporate current state-of-the-art policy and practice and to support successful implementation.

Technical Assistance Provided

Technical Assistance was provided jointly with the National Resource Center for Family Centered Practice. Implementation of new safety assessment and case planning tools began in July 2008. Revisions to the tools were made in January 2009 based on feedback from field staff. Site visits conducted during May and September 2009 included case consultation and training and technical assistance on best practice and use of the new tools. Case reviews and additional case consultation was provided via conference call on October 5 and 19 and November 9 and 30, 2009. Other technical assistance provided included review of policy and recommendations for changes that would provide more guidance to staff on safety assessment, planning and management and bring policy and practice in line with what is considered state-of-the-art in the field.

Next Steps

A report summarizing findings and recommendations based on case reviews and case consultations is in the process of being drafted. A work plan will be developed during a site visit in April 2010.