



Breaking the cycle for New Zealand children

Referral Criteria (New Start)

Date:

Client Full Name:.....

1	Alcohol and/or Drug use (or partner)	1	2	3	4	5	dk
2	Unstable home/lifestyle	1	2	3	4	5	dk
3	Lack of family/community support/social problems	1	2	3	4	5	dk
4	Low income/poverty	1	2	3	4	5	dk
5	Unable/unwilling to provide adequate care/history of Child Youth & Families service	1	2	3	4	5	dk
6	Hx (or partner) of repeat offending/hx of imprisonment	1	2	3	4	5	dk
7	History of Family Violence	1	2	3	4	5	dk
8	Foetal abnormalities/premature difficulties	1	2	3	4	5	dk
9	History of mental health issues (or partner)	1	2	3	4	5	dk
10	Maternal History of childhood abuse	1	2	3	4	5	dk

Has client had a criminal charge, or a criminal conviction – within last two years?

Yes	No
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Total Score.....

Are there any other relevant issues that we should be made aware of?
E.g. gang involvement

Yes	No
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(circle one)

If yes, please briefly describe.....

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Maximum score = 50

(Minimal score for referral = 15)

RISK FACTORS GUIDELINES: New Start (to be read in conjunction with referral criteria)

No:	Risk	1	2	3	4	5
1	Alcohol and/or drug use (or partner)	Previous history but no evidence currently	Occasional use of alcohol/drug	Monthly recreational use of alcohol/ drugs/ bingeing/ stable on methadone treatment	Weekly drug, or alcohol use	Daily use of alcohol or drugs or both
2	Unstable home/lifestyle	Recently left a stable situation	Has moved twice in previous 12 months	Living in unsuitable situation	Living in grossly overcrowded circumstances	No fixed abode/transient/no stable environment
3	Lack of family/ community support/ social problems	Previous history of family dysfunction, no evidence this pregnancy/now	Limited social skills/ developmental and/or intellectual disability	Some conflict with family members/obvious developmental/ intellectual disability	Constantly in conflict with family members/ significant symptoms of both disabilities	Unable/unwilling to engage with helping agencies/major or multiple disabilities
4	Low income/ poverty	On benefit, no other means of income	Poor budgeting skills, seeking help	Has utilized food banks occasionally	Consistently requires food parcels, can't manage	Financial chaos/large debts
5	Unable/ unwilling to provide adequate care/history of CYFS	Has had historical CYFS involvement, but not within the last three years/needs some assistance but is unwilling	Has had historical involved with CYFS, but not within the last 18mths/some assistance from community agencies concerning parenting	Has had historical involved with CYFS, but not within the previous six months/community agency involvement due to considerable parenting difficulties	C & P concerns raised by other agencies/C & P referral made	CYFS currently actively involved/ considerable concern from other agencies/ Professionals

6	Hx (or partner) of repeat offending/hx of imprisonment	One minor charge/conviction/received first sentence in previous 2 yrs	Multiple traffic convictions, more than one property or vehicular conviction/prison history not within 2 yrs/	Multiple non violent charges or convictions in previous two years/currently awaiting sentencing/charges pending/1 charge or conviction for violent offence/ associates with offenders	Has had two or more violent convictions (or charges) - no prison/offending increasing in seriousness	Currently (or partner) in prison/ been imprisoned within previous two years
7	Childhood history/adult history of family violence	Has previously been in a violent environment/relationship	Previously used Women's Refuge /use of support agencies for family violence by either party	Had used Refuge on a number of occasions	Currently living in a violent environment/relationship/recent incident of physical assault/violence	Protection order in place/interim custody orders/court process/currently in Refuge
8	Foetal abnormalities/premature difficulties	Premature birth under 40wks/methadone baby/previous history of a premature birth	Methadone baby undergoing withdrawal/unborn child probable withdrawal from methadone	Moderate developmental delay	Physical disabilities and/or developmental delay	Severe foetal abnormalities/developmental global delay/premature birth under 26wks
9	History of mental health issues (or partner)	History of minor mental health issues/anxiety/stress related episodes (undiagnosed)	Previously diagnosed with mental illness	Currently diagnosed with a mental illness	Currently diagnosed with a mental illness and on medication	Mental health service/sector teams involved with mother
10	Maternal History of childhood abuse	Identified history of childhood abuse/no longer impacting on functioning	Identified history of childhood abuse/has some impact on functioning	History has significant impact/lacking insight to activate treatment	Personal functioning a major issue/unreal expectations concerning their current pregnancy	Severe history requiring treatment/maternal history of foster care