



Sexual Victimization of Children: Issues for CRB Review

Finding #3	DHS has ensured that appropriate services are in place to safeguard the child’s safety, health and well-being.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Safety Planning.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who is the perpetrator, and how is the child being protected from that person? ○ Be aware of poly-victimization – does the child have adequate skills to protect against further victimization across domains (emotional abuse, physical abuse, bullying at school, etc.)? • <u>Child Abuse Assessment.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there an assessment center in the community? ○ Is an assessment appropriate in this case, and if so, has one been completed? • <u>Counseling and Support.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has the child had a mental health assessment since coming into care? ○ Does the assessment need to be revised in light of the new allegation? ○ Are the child’s social and adult supports adequate? • <u>Visitation/Parenting Time.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the allegations involve a parent or sibling, is visitation adequately restricted to protect the child and avoid further trauma?
Finding #4	DHS made reasonable /active efforts to provide services for the child to safely return home.
	<p><u>If the sex abuse allegation involves a parent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has DHS conducted an adequate investigation to determine if there is a safety threat? • Does the basis for jurisdiction adequately address current safety threats? • Does a sex offender evaluation need to be done? • Have any treatment recommendations been made, and has DHS made appropriate service referrals? • Do the conditions of return clearly state what the parent has to do to have the child returned to her/his care? • Is the level of visitation offered sufficient to maintain the relationship? If visitation is restricted, has DHS stated the reason and provided the parent with notice of the conditions that must exist for visitation to be resumed or expanded?
Finding #6	The parents have made sufficient progress to make it possible for the child to safely return home.
	<p><u>If the sex abuse is part of the basis of jurisdiction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the parent participated in any required assessments? • Has the parent followed through with any treatment recommendations? • Is the parent in compliance with the safety plan? • Does the parent have an understanding of the risk?
Finding #10	There is a continuing need for placement.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the conditions of return been met? • What must happen before the child can go home?