Is abuse an issue?
What is the abuser doing?
What's the effect on...
What can be done about it?
Identification of Abuse

Daily Interactions
Physical Abuse?
Sexual Coercion?
Emotional Abuse?
Economic Abuse?
Spiritual/Ethical Abuse?
Coercive Control?

Nature/Context of Abuse

Abuse of Victim?
Interference with Victim?
Children's Experience of Abuse?
Abuser Parenting Deficits?
Abuser Co-Parenting Problems?

Implications of Abuse

Risk of Harm/Lethality?

Victim's Parental Wellbeing
Children's Safety/Wellbeing
Best Interests
Shared Parenting

Options & Interventions

Limit, monitor or prohibit access
Limit or suspend decisionmaking
Establish self-executing terms
Strengthen support systems
Monitor abuser's compliance
Visitation centers
Parenting/batterer intervention program
Advocacy or mentoring services
Financial oversight services
Review hearings
Other community-based resources
Other ___________

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Worksheet on Identifying Abuse (Worksheet 2 of 5)

Is abuse an issue? What is the abuser doing? What's the effect on? What can be done about it?

Daily Interactions

- Interpersonal relations
- Everyday decision-making
- Control of daily life
- Sense of safety
- Parental decision-making

Forms of Abuse

- Physical abuse
- Sexual coercion
- Emotional abuse
- Economic abuse
- Spiritual/ethical abuse
- Coercive control

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Worksheet on the Nature & Context of Abuse (Worksheet 3 of 5)

Abuse of Victim

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Economic abuse
- Spiritual/moral abuse

Interference with Victim

- Access to resources
- Freedom to manage daily affairs
- Immigration/education/work status
- Ability to meet daily needs
- Control over own parenting
- Social/cultural connectedness
- Freedom from unwanted intrusion

Children’s Experience of IPV

- Exposure during pregnancy
- Direct intervention in abuse
- Direct harm from abuse
- Direct observation of abuse
- Indirect observation of abuse
- Retreat from abuse
- Witness to initial effects of abuse
- Experience of aftermath of abuse
- Knowledge of abuse
- Seemingly unaware of abuse

Parenting

BY ABUSER-PARENT:
- Physical protection of the child
- Emotional support of the child
- Economic support of the child
- Protection of the child from abuse
- Accepting responsibility for abuse
- Responsive to child’s separate needs
- Support of victim-child relationship
- Respect for victim’s parental authority

AS TO VICTIM-PARENT:
- Heightened responsibility
- Loss of control over parenting
- Experience of co-parenting

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WORKSHEET ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF ABUSE (Worksheet 4 of 5)

Risk of Harm/Lethality
- Escalating violence
- Threats to kill
- Strangulation
- Abuse during pregnancy
- Sexual assault
- Stalking
- Access to firearms
- Child abuse
- Animal abuse
- Controlling behaviors
- Excessive jealousy/obsession
- Abuser’s mental status
- Avoidance of consequences

Victim’s Parental Wellbeing
- Economic stability
- Housing stability
- Employment stability
- Immigration status
- Health and wellbeing
- Personal autonomy

Children’s Safety/Wellbeing
- Physical safety
- Emotional wellbeing
- Economic security
- Developmental issues
- Behavioral issues
- Cognitive issues
- Relationship/social issues
- Health issues
- Economic issues

Best Interests
- Parent’s wishes
- Wishes and concerns of children
- Parents’ mental and physical health
- Parent more likely to facilitate contact
- Continuous/willful denial of contact
- Children’s interactions and interrelationships
- Children’s adjustment to home, school and community
- History of family violence
- Other [Risk]

As to shared parenting:
- Ability to cooperate/communicate
- Ability to support love and affection
- History/potential for abuse
- Geographical proximity

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WORKSHEET ON ACCOUNTING FOR ABUSE (Worksheet 5 of 5)

Nature/Context of Abuse

- Abuse of Victim?
- Interference with Victim?
- Children's Experience of Abuse?
- Abuser Parenting Deficits?
- Abuser Co-Parenting Problems?

Implications of Abuse

- Risk of Harm/Lethality?
- Victim's Parental Wellbeing
- Children's Safety/Wellbeing
- Best Interests
- Shared Parenting

Parenting Plan Options

- Limit/prohibit access to victim
- Limit/prohibit access to children
- Limit/monitor access to children
- Suspend access to children
- Limit abuser's decisionmaking
- Suspend abuser's decisionmaking
- Limit abuser's decisionmaking
- Set automatic bill-paying processes
- Establish other self-executing terms
- Support victim's efforts to protect
- Support victim's efforts to protect
- Strengthen children's support system
- Monitor abuser's compliance
- Set benchmarks for modification
- Other

Possible Interventions

- Supervised visitation center
- Supervised exchange services
- Monitored visitation/exchange
- Parenting after violence program
- Batterer intervention program
- Parenting mentorship for abuser
- Advocacy services for victim
- Child advocacy services
- Financial oversight services
- Review hearings
- Other community-based resources

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