



Checklist for Child-Family Teams

1. HEALTH

Question: How are the medical needs of this baby being met?

- What health problems and risks are identified in the baby's birth and medical records (e.g. low birth weight, prematurity, prenatal exposure to toxic substances)?
- Does the baby have any of the following health problems?

Common Medical Diagnoses Seen in Babies in Foster Care

- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Growth failure, failure to thrive
- Lead poisoning
- Hearing and vision problems
- Congenital infections (HIV, hepatitis, syphilis)
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Respiratory illness

- If so, what is being done to address these problems?
- Has a nurse come out from the Health Department? What was his or her report? Were any follow-ups suggested?
- Is your county health department following this child?
- Does the baby have a medical home?
- Are the baby's immunizations complete and up to date?

2. DEVELOPMENT

Question: How are the developmental needs of this baby being met?

- Do you or others (foster parents?) have any concerns about the baby's development?
- Has the baby had a developmental screening through the behavioral health assessment?
- Has the baby been referred to AzEIP? If so, what are the recommendations?
- Do any of the following developmental red flags apply for the baby? If so, how are they being addressed?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Premature birth• Abuse or neglect | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low birth weight• Prenatal exposure to substance abuse |
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3. SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

Question: How are the attachment and emotional needs of this baby being met?

- Has the baby had a 0-5 Behavioral Health assessment?
- Does the baby exhibit any red flags for emotional health problems?
- Has the baby demonstrated attachment to a caregiver?
- Has concurrent planning been initiated?

Emotional Health Red Flags

- *Chronic sleeping or feeding disturbances*
- *Excessive fussiness*
- *Incessant crying with little ability to be consoled*
- *Multiple foster care placements*
- *Failure to thrive*

4. CAREGIVERS

Question: What challenges does this caregiver face that could affect his or her capacity to parent this baby?

- What are the specific challenges faced by the caregiver in caring for this baby (e.g. addiction to drugs and/or alcohol, mental illness, cognitive limitations)?
- What are the learning requirements for caregivers to meet the baby's needs?
- What are specific illustrations of this caregiver's ability to meet the baby's needs?

Caregiver Capacity Red Flags

- *Noncompliance with the baby's scheduled health appointments and medication or therapeutic regimens*
- *Caregiver substance abuse and noncompliance with psychiatric treatment and medications*
- *Confirmed instances of child abuse or neglect*
- *Incomplete immunizations and a child's poor growth or arrested development*

5. RESOURCES

Question: What resources are available to enhance this baby's healthy development and prospects for permanency?

- Does the baby have AHCCCS? Is he or she enrolled in CMDP? Does she have other health insurance?
- Is the baby receiving services under AzEIP or DDD?
- Have the baby and caregiver been referred to Early Head Start or another quality early childhood program?
- If the baby is enrolled in daycare? What is the staff-to-child ratio and what is the quality of the relationship between the baby and the provider?