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# Assessing Needs and Strengths-Parents and Caregivers

Comprehensive family assessment examines the strengths, needs, and capacities of parents and caregivers, including relative caregivers. Assessment strategies and tools for parents and caregivers gather information to determine the need for interventions to prevent maltreatment, strengthen family functioning, and increase family stability. Screening and more comprehensive assessments help identify safety concerns, risks, strengths, and resources that can lead to the best possible response for the child, parent, and family, including appropriate services and/or referral for further assessment and evaluation.

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