

Family-Centered Assessment Synthesis Record - Updated Instructions

The purpose of the FCA Synthesis Record is to bring together information about the family into a single, brief summary – a snapshot. The parent educator uses this snapshot to help drive goal setting, resource connections, and topics covered in personal visits.

Parent educators typically write about two to three lines of text for each prompt in areas 1-7, highlighting key points about the family’s status in each area.

1. Parenting:

- > Briefly describe at least one of the following aspects of parenting for this family: Parenting Knowledge, Parenting Capacity, Parenting Practices/Behaviors, and Parenting Interaction

2. Family relationships and formal and informal support systems:

- > Briefly summarize the family system and the parents/guardians’ support systems (hereafter parent/guardian referred to as parent)
- > Briefly summarize any involvement in the child welfare system, incarceration, and reported or screened intimate partner violence

Family involvement in other programs and community resources Yes No (If yes, describe.)

3. Parent educational and vocational information:

- > Briefly summarize parents’ education and employment status, including any involvement with the military

4. Parent general health:

- > Each parent reports being in good general health (including mental health) Yes No (If no, briefly summarize disabilities and health/mental health conditions described by the parent(s) and/or identified through screening.)
- > Briefly summarize use of alcohol, tobacco and other substances described by the parent(s) and/or identified through screening (If none, indicate “none.”)

5. Parent/child access to health care (including mental health care):

- > Briefly summarize the family’s access to and use of health care in the last 12 months (including medical home, preventive health care, and emergency health care)

6. Adequacy and stability of income for food, clothing, and other expenses:

- > Briefly summarize the adequacy and stability of the family’s income for food, clothing, and other expenses

7. Adequacy and stability of housing:

- > Briefly summarize the adequacy and stability of the family’s housing situation

Overall strengths, interests and needs

Strengths:

Interests:

Needs: