

Addendum A

Risk Assessment

A risk assessment should be used to evaluate a risk. If a determination is made that restrictive intervention is necessary due to risk, then a Behavior Support Plan needs to be completed.

Risk to be evaluated:

Reason for Risk Assessment: Danger to health, safety, and/or welfare

Explain:

1. What is the individuals' history of decision making? (*Previous experience or practice in exercising autonomy and rights, ability to learn from natural consequences of poor decision making*):

2. What is the possible long and short term consequences associated with poor decision making? (*What is the worst that could happen, death, illness/injury, involvement with law, financial difficulties, exploitation, isolation, rejection by others, substandard living conditions*):

3. What are the possible long and short term consequences of increased direction and control by staff or system? (*Decreased confidence or self-esteem, likelihood of increased dependence on staff, improvement in person's quality of life*):

4. Discuss safeguards to protect the individual's rights.

- Is the person sufficiently assertive to advocate for his/her rights?

- If yes, what is his/her feelings regarding the choice they wish to make?

- Is there an advocate, family member, friend, or guardian present to represent the individual's interests during the risk evaluation?

- If not, is there a need to locate such a person?

5. Describe Support and/or Training that the individual may receive to decrease poor decision-making.