

Youth Re-Unification Matrix – Under 18 Age Group - NEW

DOMAIN	1	2	3	4	5
Housing	On the street as homeless/throwaway/ runaway youth.	Couch Surfing. Residence changes routinely. Youth at immediate risk of running away or getting kicked out.	Residing with family/friends or with parent/guardian. Housing not secure. <u>At risk</u> of running away or getting kicked out.	Youth stably housed (Parents/Guardians/TH) will need some support.	Youth stably housed (Parent/Guardian/Own) No support needed.
Family Conflict and Relationship (nuclear family or legal guardian).	No contact with family/guardian - and/or minimal chance of repairing relationship with family/guardian.	In contact with family. Conflict is substantial. Possibility of repairing family relationships.	Moderate conflict with family. Working on resolving issues.	Some conflict with family. Working on resolving issues.	Minimal to no conflict. Strong support from family / guardians. Household members support each other's efforts.
Safety in the Home	Home or residence is not safe; immediate level of lethality is extremely high; possible CPS involvement and/or youth living on the street.	Safety is threatened; environment unstable/possible CPS involvement.	Current level of safety is minimally adequate; ongoing safety planning is essential	Environment is safe, however, future of such is uncertain; safety planning is important	Environment is apparently safe and stable
School including alternative and home schools	Dropped out of school with no plans of returning.	Suspended/expelled from school or not enrolled in school.	Enrolled but not attending regularly.	Enrolled in school and attending classes most of the time.	Attending on a regular basis and making progress.
Academics (skip if youth is not enrolled in school)	Youth failing majority of classes. No interest in improving.	Youth failing classes. Interested in improving but unable to due to barriers/unmet needs.	Youth in need of academic support. Services have been identified.	Youth in need of academic support. Engaged in supportive services. Showing signs of improvement.	Youth meeting or exceeding all academic requirements. No supportive services needed.
Life Skills circle w knowledge or motivation deficits.	Time management, chores, hygiene, basic money management, laundry, meal preparation, management of personal spaces.				
Life Skills – base on age appropriateness.	Will need support in 6 or 7 life skill goals.	Will need support in 5 life skill goals.	Will need support in 4 life skill goals.	Will need support in 3 life skills goals.	Will need support in 1 or 2 life skills goals.
Decision Making (Consider Age Appropriateness)	Unable to make decisions on their own without direction of others. Not knowing right from wrong or does not care about the consequences.	Is able to make limited decisions on their own with some thought to consequences.	Is able to make limited decisions while seeking approval from others (peers or adults). Understands the difference between right and wrong.	Increased ability to make age appropriate decisions, willing to seek input from others. Able to weigh pros and cons.	Makes appropriate decisions for age and development and is able to anticipate the consequences.
Peer Conflict and Relationship	Aggressive toward those less powerful – seeks conflict with others. Actively destructive with peers. <u>OR</u> Has no friends, loner, and may be a target for bullies.	Neither extremely aggressive nor isolated; but is experiencing a significant peer crisis with no understanding or plan to change.	Has significant peer issues, but has identified a plan for change.	Has some friends and has made some positive efforts to resolve identified peer issues.	Has good friends and is satisfied with what he/she has. Able to peacefully resolve issues with peers on their own.
Stress Management	Stress is overwhelming impacting all aspects of life <u>and</u> youth is engaging in destructive behaviors.	Stress is overwhelming impacting all aspects of life. No coping skills are evident.	Stress is significant impacting most aspects of life with minimal evidence of coping skills.	Stress is significant impacting some aspects of life. Moderate coping skills are evident.	Stress is manageable. Youth is equipped with appropriate skills to effectively manage stress.
Communication Style	Unable /unwilling to communicate needs, desires and opinions. Resulting in unhealthy relationships.	Unable but <u>attempting to communicate</u> without being disrespectful and angry. Resulting in frequent problems at home, in school, and in the community.	<u>Able to communicate– but not always in calm, respectful manner</u> resulting in <u>some</u> problems at home, in school, and in the general community.	<u>Able to communicate in a calm and respectful manner – most of the time.</u> Fewer problems at home, in school, and in the community.	Able to communicate with others in a clear, respectful manner. Able to express desires & needs <u>effectively.</u>

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Community Involvement (Church, clubs, sports, enrichment extracurricular)	No community involvement due to community rejection – e.g. CSC or felony charges.	No community involvement due to the state of crisis / in survival mode.	No community involvement due to lack knowledge. May also have additional barriers.	Some community involvement. Youth can identify community supports, but may have barriers.	Actively involved in community. Has clear knowledge and connections within the community.
Transportation Youth or Family	No access to transportation, public or private. Unable to attend school or necessary appointments.	Unreliable access to transportation, public or private. Impacting school or necessary appointments.	Reliable but limited access to transportation, public or private. Requires careful planning for school or necessary appointments.	Reliable and accessible to meet all necessary basic needs.	Transportation is available for school, work, and play.
Legal	Pending felony / misdemeanor charges	Status Offense such as MIP or truancy or smoking.	Charged but part of a diversion program or compliant with probation.	No legal issues 6 months.	No legal issues and no criminal behaviors.
Engagement in Services	Appears resistant but potentially able to engage. On follow-up has disengaged with service.	Willing to engage with some needed services but appears resistant with other necessary services	Willing to engage in recommended referrals and/or service plan.	Actively engaged in referrals and service plan.	Youth no longer needs services or has completed service plan.
Access to Food	No consistent access to food. Missing meals regularly. Youth needs medical intervention due to nutrition issues.	Nutrition issues are a concern and are based on poor access to nutritious meals. Medical referral is not necessary at this time.	Nutrition issues are a concern but access to nutritious food is available. Medical referral is not necessary at this time.	No nutrition issues are identified but family uses public supports to provide food.	Stable source of an adequate food supply and no evidence of related nutrition issues. No food assistance is necessary.
Access to Health Care (Youth or Family)	No medical coverage with immediate need.	No medical coverage. Great difficulty accessing medical care when needed. Some household members may be in poor health.	Some members (e.g. Children) on ABW or MiChild.	All members can get medical care when needed, but may strain budget.	All members are covered by affordable, adequate health insurance.
Health	Youth has untreated life threatening illness or injury.	Youth has untreated illness that is not life threatening.	Youth has treated illness but is still exhibiting symptoms.	Youth has a illness (may be chronic illness) but is managed or resolved.	Physically healthy with no identifiable health issues.
Pregnancy (Skip if not Pregnant)	Is unwilling to engage in either prenatal care or post birth planning.	Limited prenatal care / post birth planning with limited or no support system.	Limited prenatal care / post birth planning with positive support system.	Regular prenatal care and a birth plan but unsure of post birth plan.	Regular prenatal care and a plan for both birth and post birth.
Sexual Health	Engages in frequent sexual activity with multiple partners. May be pregnant or have a child. Protection is not used.	Engages in sexual activity. May have a child or be pregnant. Protection is used irregularly.	Self report of activity and is using protection and birth control. May have a child or be pregnant.	Reports never engaging in intercourse but reports other sexual activity such as “necking”.	Self report abstinence.
Mental Health	Danger to self or others; recurring suicidal ideation; experiencing severe difficulty in day-to-day life due to psychological problems.	Not a danger to self/others; but persistent problems with functioning due to mental health symptoms.	Symptoms are present at least some of the time. Some difficulty in functioning due to mental health problems.	Mental health issue is identified but is being successfully managed. Functioning does not appear impaired.	No identified Mental Health Issue. Symptoms are absent.
Substance Abuse (Drugs Alcohol, Cigarettes, Chewing Tobacco)	Consistent use with withdrawal/withdrawal avoidance resulting in significant problems. Immediate treatment is recommended.	Use within last 3 months and evidence of persistent problems related to use for the past month. No evidence of withdrawal issues.	Client has used during last 3 months, but no evidence of persistent or recurrent problems related to the use.	No substance use within last 3 months.	No history of substance use, or no use beyond an initial experimental experience.