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Missing Words

- You must not view risk assessment as a one-time decision, but as an _____ evaluation that repeats every time you get and analyze new information.

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Goals of Structured Risk Assessment

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Safety Assessment

Identifies factors that create risk of harm & decides the degree to which the risk factor can be managed or eliminated so that the child is safe from the likelihood of harm with or without agency services

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Parents with a History of Abuse

Parents with a history of abuse may:

- May be more likely to use violence with their children
- May have never learned effective parenting skills they need to care for their own children
- May have difficulties stemming from their own childhood abuse
- May be skeptical & less cooperative with current efforts to keep their children safe

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Techniques for Discussing Parents' Abuse History

- Explain that the questions are routine:
 - "We ask everyone these questions."
- Observe behaviors
 - & ask questions about them
- Discuss ways that parents' childhood compares with their children's

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Criminal History

You must consider the criminal histories of all household members.
 Consult with your supervisor and/or law enforcement if you are concerned that a criminal history increases the child's risk.

Consider other practices that may harm the child, such as bizarre rituals that stem from unusual beliefs (e.g., branding, animal sacrifice, etc.).

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