

Student Threat Assessment and Management System *Parent/Guardian Interview - Level 1*

Step 1: Directions for Case Manager:

This interview is only to be conducted by a school counselor or administrator as a supplement to the Level 1 Assessment Protocol (by phone or in person) if a parent/guardian does not attend the Level 1 Assessment meeting. Address the following questions through an interview or conversation with open-ended inquiry.

Do **NOT** ask the parent/guardian to read and complete the questions by themselves.

Although a parent/guardian can provide crucial information regarding a situation, do not delay the Level 1 Assessment if the parent is not available, is unwilling to cooperate, or if the Site Team determines that the parent should not be included at this time.

The following is an examination of current circumstances, and as these circumstances change, so too does concern for aggression; therefore, review the results of this interview while being mindful of supervision, intervention, and the passage of time. Each question is a prompt for exploration of circumstances that may involve the escalation of violence.

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Administrator / Case Manager's Name: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name: _____

Interviewer's Name: _____

Contact parent / guardian and describe threat, dangerous situation or violent action that has brought this student to your attention. Explain our obligation and responsibility to investigate and assess all situations that may be dangerous for the student, other students, and/or staff. (RCW 28A.320.123)

Step 2: Ask the following questions through conversation or direct inquiry.

The numbers in parenthesis at the end of each question refer to the corresponding Level 1 Protocol questions that are to be addressed in accordance with the information collected in this questionnaire.

1. Does the parent/guardian (or other family/community members) have concerns about behavior, potential violence, or issues specific to the incident? (1, 2, 13, 18, 19)

2. Has the student communicated any threats, ideas of violence, or wishes/intentions to harm anyone (at school, at home, in the community, or himself/herself)? (2, 3, 4, 5)

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3. Are there any fascinations, identifications with violence (especially vindictive or revengeful acts of violence through movies, music, video games, literature, or Internet usage)? Does the student justify the use of violence as a means to solve problems? (7, 8, 11)

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4. Has the student become increasingly focused or agitated about a particular issue (e.g., social problems, girlfriend/boyfriend, justice, bullying, revenge, etc.)? (7, 8, 10, 11, 15)

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5. Do certain situations agitate the student or their inclination towards violent or aggressive activity, ideas, or communication? Have there been any changes at home that may have increased their stress level? Have there been any relationship changes (e.g., peers or family) or belief changes? (7, 8, 9, 15, 17)

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6. What is the student's self-perception (e.g., leader, follower, victim, outcast, etc.)? (9, 11, 17)

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7. Are there drug and/or alcohol issues with the student, family, or friends? (17)

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8. Is the student involved with the Juvenile Department, Police, Child Welfare, Mental Health, or other agencies? Is communication with these agencies possible? (20)

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9. What are student's positive activities, interests, and relationships, (scouting, church, sports, clubs, recreation, pets, family, friends, community, etc.)? (16)

10. Are firearms or other weapons accessible? Are firearms available anywhere in your house or within the houses of regularly visited relatives or friends? Has the student attempted or communicated a desire to obtain a firearm or weapon? If needed, is the parent able to search the student's room or possessions? (6)

11. Does the student have access to a smartphone (active or inactive)? To your knowledge, does the student use social media (e.g., Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Kik, etc.)? What method do you use to monitor the student's social media use? Have you ever felt concerned by a post, link, or comment the student made or explored?

12. Are there any other concerns not addressed by these interview questions? (19, 20)

13. What is parent's relationship with the student? (16) Difficult Neutral Positive
