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### **Examples of questions to answer for a Parenting Capacity evaluation**

*Please circle only those most relevant to your evaluation questions*

- 1) What is the child's/parent's intellectual functioning:
- 2) What is the child's/parent's personal/emotional functioning:
- 3) What is the child's/parent's psychological diagnosis – Explain how this is relevant
- 4) What is the adult's parenting ability?
- 5) Parent's relationship/attachment to the child?
- 6) What is the nature of relationship between the children and the parent?
- 7) Based on parent's functioning, would it be safe for child...to be in her/his care? Does s/he have the capacity to comprehend safety and ensure that the children are safe?
- 8) How do the family dynamics (domestic abuse, drug use, additional parental figures) factor into the parent's ability to effectively parent and keep the children safe?
- 9) How, if at all, does the child's condition (special behavioral, emotional, physical needs) factor into the parent's ability to ensure the children's safety?
- 10) What is the child's/parent's prognosis?
- 11) Provide recommendations for services to remedy parenting problems issues.
- 12) What is the estimated length of time to improve? See item 7 above.
- 13) What will the effects be on the child of termination of parental rights effect on child?