

Child Neglect:

Child or adult deprived of minimally accepted standards of food, shelter, clothing, or care.

Signs/ Symptoms:

- Lacks adequate physical care
- Lacks emotional nurturance/ support
- Lacks appropriate stimulation/ cognitive experiences
- Inappropriately left alone
- Lacks necessary supervision
- Inadequate/ delayed medical care
- Other

KBS rating considerations:

Caregiver's Knowledge

Consider knowledge of:

- standards of child physical care and emotional needs

Child's Behavior

Consider

- child behaviors that may be red flags for neglect

Child's Status

Consider:

- affect and appearance
- illness
- growth and development
- medical care
- injuries

Guidelines & Notes:

- Place the Child Neglect Problem in the child's chart not the parent's chart.
- **SPRCDPH Policy Statement:** Documentation of abuse and neglect follow the definitions and symptoms set forth in the Omaha System. Using the modifier "Actual" means that one or more of the symptoms listed in the Omaha System are present. Using the modifier "Actual" for problem 15 (neglect) or 16 (abuse) does not mean that the symptoms identified are reportable to Child Protection. Decisions regarding reports to Child Protection are based on Minnesota State law.

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	None	Minimal	Basic	Adequate	Superior
Caregiver's Knowledge	Not aware of standards for providing food, clothing, shelter, stimulation, and care for infant/child.	Knows that infants/children need physical care, but not aware of standards for stimulation, supervision, and health care.	Knows that infants/children need physical and emotional care and appropriate supervision. Not aware of need for stimulation.	Knows that infants/children need physical and emotional care and mental stimulation, and consistent supervision.	Knows that children need physical and emotional care and mental stimulation, supervision and reasons why this is so.
	Not Appropriate	Rarely Appropriate	Inconsistently Appropriate	Usually Appropriate	Consistently Appropriate
Child's Behavior	Infant does not engage with caregiver	Minimally engages with caregiver	Sometimes engages with caregiver	Often engages with caregiver	Consistently engages with caregiver
	Extreme S/S	Severe S/S	Moderate S/S	Minimal S/S	No S/S
Child's Status	Frequently unsupervised or inadequate supervision No immunizations Serious unmet medical needs	Minimally supervised Immunizations 2-3 series behind Misses more appointments than keeps	Inconsistently supervised Immunizations 1-2 series behind Keeps most appointments, misses some essential ones	Usually supervised Immunizations 0-1 series behind Keeps most appointments, and all essential ones	Consistently supervised Immunizations up to date Medical needs met

Neglect (Child): (pg. 214)

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KBS rating considerations:

<u>Knowledge</u> (What caregiver knows)	<u>Behavior</u> (What child does)	<u>Status</u> (How the child is)
Consider knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standards of child physical care and emotional and safety needs• Knowledge of appropriate stimulation and nurturance• Knowledge of child supervision and safe caretakers• Knowledge of child's medical care needs	Consider client's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child behaviors/social-emotional health that may be red flags for neglect• Child's interaction with caregiver	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affect and appearance• Illness• Growth and development• Medical care• Injuries

Guidelines & Notes:

- Neglect -Child problem is a child pathway. Assess and document child's behavior and status
- Caregiver knowledge is documented in the Child Neglect Problem.
Open caregiver to Caretaking/Parenting problem
Caregiver behavior and status are documented in the Caretaking/Parenting Problem.
- Assess child's behavior and status

References

- Leeb, R., Paulozzi, L., Melanson, C., Simon, T., & Arias, I. (2008). Child maltreatment surveillance: Uniform definitions for public health and recommended data elements. Atlanta: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Definition of Negligent treatment or maltreatment: Revised Code of Washington 26.44.020

(13) "Negligent treatment or maltreatment" means an act or a failure to act, or the cumulative effects of a pattern of conduct, behavior, or inaction, that evidences a serious disregard of consequences of such magnitude as to constitute a clear and present danger to a child's health, welfare, or safety, including but not limited to conduct prohibited under RCW 9A.42.100.

When considering whether a clear and present danger exists, evidence of a parent's substance abuse as a contributing factor to negligent treatment or maltreatment shall be given great weight. The fact that siblings share a bedroom is not, in and of itself, negligent treatment or maltreatment.

Poverty, homelessness, or exposure to domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010 that is perpetrated against someone other than the child does not constitute negligent treatment or maltreatment in and of itself

Child Neglect Definitions Continued

Definition of Child Neglect, Washington State Administration Code: WAC-388-15-009

(5) Negligent treatment or maltreatment means an act or a failure to act, or the cumulative effects of a pattern of conduct, behavior, or inaction, on the part of a child's parent, legal custodian, guardian, or caregiver that shows a serious disregard of the consequences to the child of such magnitude that it creates a clear and present danger to the child's health, welfare, or safety. A child does not have to suffer actual damage or physical or emotional harm to be in circumstances which create a clear and present danger to the child's health, welfare, or safety.

Negligent treatment or maltreatment includes, but is not limited, to:

- (a) Failure to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, supervision, or health care necessary for a child's health, welfare, or safety. Poverty and/or homelessness do not constitute negligent treatment or maltreatment in and of themselves;
- (b) Actions, failures to act, or omissions that result in injury to or which create a substantial risk of injury to the physical, emotional, and/or cognitive development of a child; or
- (c) The cumulative effects of a pattern of conduct, behavior or inaction by a parent or guardian in providing for the physical, emotional and developmental needs of a child's, or the effects of chronic failure on the part of a parent or guardian to perform basic parental functions, obligations, and duties, when the result is to cause injury or create a substantial risk of injury to the physical, emotional, and/or cognitive development of a child.

Neglect – Child

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	None	Minimal	Basic	Adequate	Superior
Caregiver's Knowledge	Caregiver lacks basic knowledge on appropriate foods and feeding procedures	Is aware of some information on appropriate foods and feeding procedures	Caregiver can give few examples of appropriate foods and feeding procedures	Has participated in nutrition education/feeding programs	Caregiver readily articulates appropriate foods and feeding procedures for child
	Caregiver lacks basic knowledge on adequate stimulation and nurturance for a child	Caregiver is aware of child's need for stimulation and nurturance, but does not sure how to do	Caregiver has some knowledge of how to provide stimulation and nurturance of child	Caregiver seeks out information or support on how to provide adequate stimulation and nurturance of child	Caregiver readily articulates on how to provide adequate stimulation and nurturance of child
	Caregiver lacks basic knowledge on appropriate supervision and how to keep child free of accidents & injuries	Caregiver is aware that child needs supervision to keep safe but now sure how to do	Caregiver has some knowledge of appropriate supervision and how to keep child safe	Caregiver seeks out information or support on appropriate supervision and how to keep child safe	Caregiver readily articulates supervision and safety needs of child
	Caregiver lacks basic knowledge on appropriate physical care and hygiene needs of child	Caregiver is aware that infants/children need physical care and hygiene but not sure how to do	Caregiver has some knowledge on how to provide physical care and hygiene	Caregiver seeks out information on how to provide physical care and hygiene	Caregiver readily articulates how to provide physical care and hygiene needs of child
Child's Behavior	Extreme Concern	Severe Concern	Moderate Concern	Minimal Concern	No Concern
	Child unable to seek out or positively engage with caregiver	Child minimally seeks out or engages with caregiver	Child sometimes seeks out or engages with caregiver	Child often seeks out and positively engages with caregiver	Child readily seeks out and positively engages with caregiver
Child's Status	Extreme S/S	Severe S/S	Moderate S/S	Minimal S/S	No S/S
	Child does not receive adequate nutrition and does not exhibit adequate height/weight pattern	Child rarely receives adequate nutrition and does not exhibit adequate height/weight pattern	Child is inconsistently provided with adequate nutrition, and child's weight/height pattern is marginally appropriate	Child usually has adequate nutrition and child usually has an adequate weight/height pattern	Child is consistently provided with adequate nutrition, and has a normal weight/height pattern

Neglect – Child Continued

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	Extreme S/S	Severe S/S	Moderate S/S	Minimal S/S	No S/S
Child's Status	Child is usually left unsupervised , or is usually left with inappropriate/unsafe caregivers	Child is often left unsupervised or left with inappropriate/unsafe caregivers	Child sometimes is left unsupervised or left with inappropriate/unsafe caregivers	Child rarely is left unsupervised or left with inappropriate/unsafe caregivers	Child is consistently supervised and consistently has safe & appropriate caregivers
	Child has unsafe environment which has resulted in severe accidents/injuries	Child frequently has unsafe environment which has resulted in accidents/injuries	Child sometimes is provided with safe environment which has resulted in minor accidents/injuries	Child mostly has a safe environment and has not had accidents/injuries	Child consistently has a safe environment and is free of injuries
	Child lacks necessary medical, mental health, & dental care for serious injuries, serious illness, or chronic health conditions	Child is minimally provided with necessary medical, mental health, & dental care for serious injuries, serious illness, or chronic health conditions	Child is inconsistently provided with necessary medical, mental health, & dental care for serious injuries, serious illness or chronic health conditions	Child usually has necessary medical, mental health, & dental care for serious injuries, serious illness or chronic health conditions most of the time	Child's medical, mental health, & dental care needs are consistently met
	Usually has dirty skin or inadequate clothing Child has little to no diaper/toileting management	Frequently has dirty skin or inadequate clothing . Child has poor diaper/toileting management .	Child sometimes has dirty skin or inadequate clothing Child sometimes has appropriate diaper/toileting management .	Child usually provided with appropriate hygiene and clothing Usually provided with appropriate diaper/toileting management	Child consistently has appropriate hygiene and clothing Consistently has appropriate diaper/toileting management