

400-10 REQUIRED SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT TOOLS**PURPOSE**

To ensure that local California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) sites conduct required screenings and assessments in order to identify needs, link participants to appropriate referral services and to comply with the federally mandated CHVP benchmark performance measures within respective home visiting models.

POLICY

Local CHVP sites are required to utilize identified assessment tools to meet performance measures and to fulfill respective Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) or Healthy Families America (HFA) model requirements. CHVP sites are permitted to use additional screening tools, but may not use these tools in place of required CHVP assessment tools.

PROCEDURE

It is the expectation of CHVP that local sites follow procedures as defined in respective model issued data collection manuals in order to complete screenings and all other data collection forms. The below table summarizes required screening and assessment tools within CHVP SOW Goal 3:

HFA MODEL**Tool A: Ages and Stages Questionnaire, Third Edition (ASQ-3)**

Description: Used to identify developmental delays in children. The ASQ-3 must be administered at age 10, 18, and 24 months.

Purpose: Child Development Screening

Tool B / Option 1: Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)

Description: Used to screen for perinatal depression. This EPDS form is completed by the participant and must be administered prenatally, at 2 months and 5 months post-partum.

Purpose: Depression Screening

Tool B / Option 2: Patient Health Questionnaire – 9 (PHQ-9)

Description: A self-administered instrument for screening, diagnosing, monitoring, and measuring the severity of depression. The PHQ-9 is completed by the participant and must be administered prenatally, at 2 and 5 months post-partum.

Purpose: Depression Screening

Tool C: CHEERS Check-In (CCI) Description: A tool evaluating the quality of parent-child relationships using the CHEERS framework. The CCI is composed of six domains: Cues, Touching & Holding, Expression, Empathy, Rhythm & Reciprocity, and Smiles. CHVP recommends administering this tool at ages 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, and 34 months. However, the site can administer the tool on an alternate schedule by selecting the “As needed” time point. HFA National Office recommends completing this tool twice per year, from age 4 months to age 36 months.

Purpose: Parent/Child Interaction

Tool D: Relationship Assessment Tool (RAT)

Description: An intimate partner violence screening tool administered during the third trimester of pregnancy and at 3 months postpartum.

Purpose: Intimate Partner Violence

Tool E: Household Profile

Description: A questionnaire of the participant's household members collecting federally mandated information. This form is required at intake, age 6 months, 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, 48 months, and 60 months.

Purpose: Household Information

NFP MODEL**Tool A: Ages and Stages Questionnaire, Third Edition (ASQ-3)**

Description: Used to identify developmental delays in children. The ASQ-3 is administered at age 4, 10 and 18 months. The 24 months' time point is optional.

Purpose: Child Development Screening

Tool B / Option 1: Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)

Description: Used to screen for perinatal depression. This EPDS form is completed by the participant and must be administered at intake, pregnancy 36 weeks, 1-8 weeks post-partum, age 4-6 months, and 12 months.

Purpose: Depression Screening

Tool B / Option 2: Patient Health Questionnaire – 9 (PHQ-9)

Description: A self-administered instrument for screening, diagnosing, monitoring, and measuring the severity of depression. The PHQ-9 is completed by the participant and must be administered at intake, pregnancy 36 weeks, 1-8 weeks post-partum, age 4-6 months, and 12 months.

Purpose: Depression Screening

Tool C: Dyadic Assessment of Naturalistic Caregiver-child Experiences (DANCE)

Description: A strengths-based tool that aids nurses in objectively assessing interaction between a participant and a child during a home visit. The tool is required between 1-3 months post-partum, age 8-10 months, 15-17 months, and 21-23 months.

Purpose: Parent/Child Interaction

Tool D: Clinical IPV Assessment

Description: A brief domestic violence screening tool composed of eight questions. This tool is to be administered during the 5th-7th pregnancy visit, 12 weeks post-partum, and 16 months.

Purpose: Intimate Partner Violence

Tool E: Household Profile (CHVP form)

Description: A questionnaire of the participant's household members collecting federally-mandated information. This form is required at intake and is updated annually for each participant.

Purpose: Household Information

For the HFA Program: Refer to the *HFA Data Collection Manual* and the *HFA Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) User Manual* (HFA Dashboard in ETO) for a full summary of the screening and assessment tools, forms, and required timeframes used in home visits. These manuals are to be used as guidance to ensure proper use and frequency of screenings.¹

For the NFP Program: Refer to the *NFP Data Collection Manual* and the *NFP ETO User Manual* (NFP Community), which summarizes screening and assessment tools, forms, and required timeframes used in home visits. These manuals are to be used as guidance to ensure proper use and frequency of screenings.

REFERENCES

- California Home Visiting Program Website
- CHVP Required Tools/Trainings
- NFP Community:
 - NFP Data Collection Manual
- HFA Dashboard in ETO:
 - CHVP Data Collection Manual for HFA Sites
 - ETO User Manual for HFA Sites

¹ Additional tools and time points may be required by the HFA National Office or NFP National Service Office beyond the scope of CHVP. Please consult with the model for all data collection requirements.