

### **CAREGIVER PROTECTIVE CAPACITY**

Personal and caregiving behavioral, cognitive and emotional characteristics that specifically and directly can be associated with being protective to one's young. Protective capacities are personal qualities or characteristics that contribute to vigilant child protection.

- ☐ The characteristic prepares the person to be protective.
- ☐ The characteristic enables or empowers the person to be protective.
- ☐ The characteristic is necessary or fundamental to being protective.
- ☐ The characteristic must exist prior to being protective.
- ☐ The characteristic can be related to acting or being able to act on behalf of a child.

### **CAREGIVER PROTECTIVE CAPACITY:** **BEHAVIORAL**

***Specific action, activity, performance that is consistent with and results in protective vigilance.***

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver demonstrates impulse control.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver takes action.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver sets aside her/his needs in favor of a child.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver demonstrates adequate skill to fulfill caregiving responsibilities.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver is adaptive as a caregiver.

History of Protecting

### **CAREGIVER PROTECTIVE CAPACITY:** **COGNITIVE**

***Specific intellect, knowledge, understanding and perception that results in protective vigilance.***

The person is self-aware as a parent/legal guardian/caregiver.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver is intellectually able/capable.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver recognizes and understands threats to the child.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver recognizes the child's needs.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver understands his/her protective role.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver plans and is able to articulate a plan to protect children.

### **CAREGIVER PROTECTIVE CAPACITY: EMOTIONAL** ***Feelings, attitudes, identification with a child and motivation that results in protective vigilance.***

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver is able to meet own emotional needs.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver is resilient as a caregiver.

The parent/caregiver is tolerant as a caregiver.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver expresses love, empathy and sensitivity toward the child; experiences specific empathy with regard to the child's perspective and feelings.

The parent/caregiver is stable and able to intervene to protect children.

The parent/caregiver is positively attached to the child.

The parent/legal guardian/caregiver is supportive and aligned with the child.