



VILLAGE COUNSELING CENTER

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS

Your child has been referred to us by Protective Services (Department of Children & Families and Partnership for Strong Families) for a Comprehensive Assessment. Information about the assessment is outlined below. If you have any further questions, please call us at the Village Counseling Center at (352) 373-8189 or email us at info@villagecounselingcenter.net.

What is a Comprehensive Assessment?

A comprehensive assessment is an in-depth and detailed assessment of a child's emotional, social, behavioral and developmental functioning with their family, at school and in the community.

Why has my child been referred for a Comprehensive Assessment?

When a child in Florida becomes involved with Protective Services, they refer that child for a Comprehensive Assessment. There are several agencies that conduct these assessments, including the Village Counseling Center and the cases are usually randomly assigned to one of the providing agencies.

How is a Comprehensive Assessment completed?

In order for a Comprehensive Assessment to be completed, the assessor must have your permission (consent). We will also ask you to sign a Consent Form as well as a Release of Information, which allows us to talk with certain agencies and/or individuals that know your child and/or your family. If you refuse to participate with the Comprehensive Assessment, we will return the referral and notify Protective Services that you do not wish to cooperate.

Once the Consent Form and Release of Information are signed, we will talk with you and your child at length. We will discuss family history, child development, cultural values and other issues that are important in getting to know your family. We want to know your strengths and what future goals you have for yourself and your child. We also want to know what you think will help your family succeed.

In addition to talking with you, we will visit your child's daycare or school and review their school records. We will try to talk with teachers, counselors, foster care parents and/or relatives. We do this so that we can get a good idea of how different people see your child.

What happens when the assessment is finished?

After talking with everyone and reviewing records we will write a detailed report about your child and family. We will make recommendation for goals to be included on your case plan based on information provided from the different sources. These goals will include things that should help your family have a successful reunification. We send the report and recommendations back to Partnership for Strong Families and Protective Services who typically use it as a resource when working with you on your case plan.

Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to any questions regarding this process.