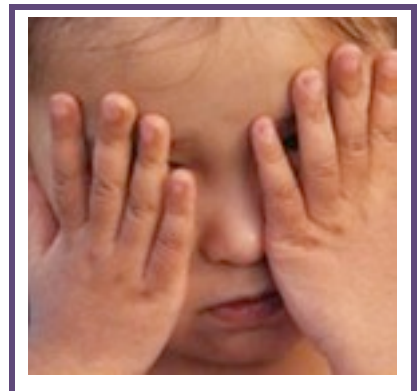
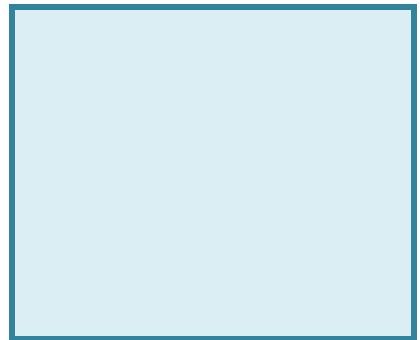
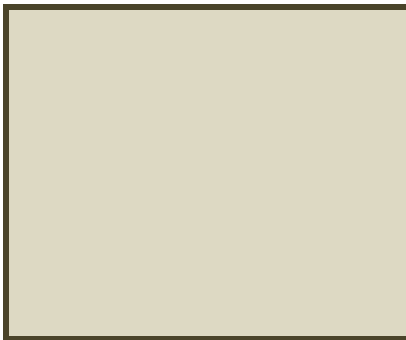
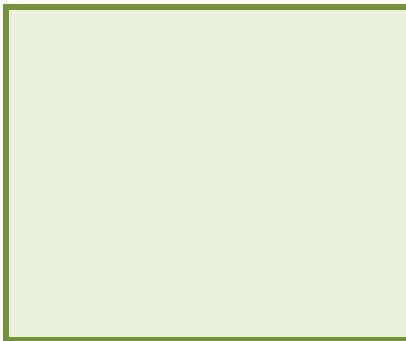
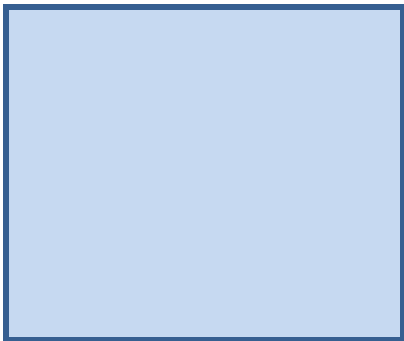




# MULTI AGENCY RISK ASSESSMENT MODEL

Overview to the MA-RAM



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### About the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Model (MA-RAM)

The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Model is a framework for screening and assessing risk in services for children and families. It assists agencies to accurately identify appropriate cases for onward referral to Children's Services. The information collated as part of the risk assessment provides relevant information for submitting referrals to Children's Services and will aid discussions between safeguarding partners.

The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Model includes two key components.

- **Risk Screening** is a practice that checks **all** cases for indication of concerns about significant harm. This will be implemented in different ways by different agencies. It should however, include:
  - Asking the critical question, 'do you have any concerns about significant harm?'
  - Recording your decision
  - Acting on the decision
  - Screening routinely and regularly
- **Risk Assessment** is a detailed framework for undertaking an assessment of the risk of significant harm. It explores components including the capacity of parents, the child's needs, level of harm, prediction for the future and what may make harm, significant.

The MA-RAM Model is also supported by

- Two Assessment Tools for Understanding Neglect
  - **Graded Care Profile**
  - **Home Conditions Tool**
- Three Assessment Tools for understanding Capacity to Change
  - **7 Steps of Contemplation**
  - **Continuum of Motivation**
  - **Change Checklist**
- Risk Assessment Guidance