**Risk Factors – Examples for ADT**

Mental Health:

* **Directly Contributed** – Diagnosed mental health issues (untreated or non-medicated) and/or undiagnosed mental health issues affecting their ability to parent; Active impairment due to mental health issues (i.e. a caregiver’s depression causes them to not get out of bed, child escapes the home and is found wandering unsupervised in the street).
* **Indirectly Contributed** – The secondary, underlying contributing factor to the maltreatment (i.e. caregiver is depressed, self-medicating and is found incapacitated; child is found wandering unsupervised in the street. The substance abuse is the direct contributor, but the caregiver’s mental health is a secondary factor to this maltreatment).
* **Was a Risk Factor** – Caregiver’s diagnosis/lack of diagnosis and/or treatment for mental health conditions creates a risk to the children in their care, but **DID NOT** directly contribute to the maltreatment that occurred (i.e. caregiver diagnosed with bipolar disorder, is medicated/in treatment, not related to the maltreatment factors) .
* **Not Applicable** – There are no mental health issues or mental health history identified in the case.

Family Violence:

* **Directly Contributed** – Caregivers use violence to solve problems; expressed as physical abuse to children or violence among other adult household members.
* **Indirectly Contributed** – Secondary contributing factor to the maltreatment. (i.e. caregivers are engaged in an altercation in their bedroom, have been fighting for hours and not checking on the children ages 2, 4, and 7. The 7 year old tries to make a bottle for the 2 year old and she ends up severely burned. The lack of supervision is the maltreatment factor; however, the family violence indirectly contributed to the maltreatment).
* **Was a Risk Factor** – Caregiver’s history of family violence, violent tendencies, and/or criminal records shows a pattern (i.e. caregiver had multiple DVOs from several years ago or a pattern of substantiated physical abuse reports).
* **Not Applicable** – There are no documented criminal charges, TWIST history or other family violence factors identified in this case.

Substance abuse:

* **Directly Contributed** – Maltreatment occurred due to the caregiver’s impairment while in the caregiving role of children; Caregivers exposing children to inappropriate caregivers/drug activity and children’s needs are not being met (i.e. parents allowing child to use/abuse substances, parents leaving children with incapacitated caregivers, caregivers inappropriately storing medication/substances within reach of children).
* **Indirectly Contributed** – Secondary factors to the maltreatment; Caregivers deplete their financial and supportive resources in order to fund their substance abuse/use habits which results in the children’s needs not being met. For example:
	+ Children live in an unsanitary environment due to caregiver’s failure to maintain a clean home because of substance abuse.
	+ Children are truant from school because caregiver is oversleeping due to substance abuse/use and failing to get children up, ready, and/or transported to school.
* **Was a Risk Factor** – Caregiver has a past history of drug or alcohol related offenses on their background checks; Caregiver has admitted to use of drugs or alcohol but not while in a caretaking role (i.e. caregiver goes to a club on the weekend and consumes copious amounts of alcohol but has an appropriate caregiver for the children during this time).
* **Not Applicable** – There is no TWIST, criminal record, or other indicators or history of substance abuse/use issues found in this case.