

Assessment of Family and Child Readiness for full HIV disclosure

The information on this form should be collected over several visits. Issues should be addressed as needed before full HIV disclosure takes place.

Name of Child..... Name of Primary Caregiver.....

Can be asked in the presence of the child:

1. Who else is in the household?.....
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2. Who gives medications to the child?.....
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3. Who takes the child to appointments?.....
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Should not be asked in the presence of the child:

4. Who knows the child's HIV status?.....
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5. Do any other household members also have HIV and if so, are they taking ARVs?
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6. What questions does the caregiver have about HIV?.....
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7. Has the caregiver ever discussed with other household members what they think about informing the child about his/her HIV status?
 - What was the outcome?.....
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8. What has the child been told about why he/she comes to clinic or takes medication?
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9. What does the caregiver think the child believes is the reason that he/she comes to clinic and takes medication?
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10. What questions has the child been asking, if any?.....
- How did the caregiver answer?.....
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11. Does the child ever talk about HIV?.....
- What does the child say?.....
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12. How is the child doing in school?
- How is the child's school performance?
 - Does the child like school?
 - Does he/she have friends?
13. How is the child's behaviour at home?
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14. What worries does the caregiver have with regard to the child learning of his/her HIV status?.....
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15. How does the caregiver prefer that child be disclosed to:
- By the caregiver him/herself?
 - By the caregiver with another family member present?
 - By the caregiver with the HCW present?.....
 - By HCW with caregiver present?.....
16. When does the caregiver think the child should be told?
17. What does the caregiver think the child's reaction will be when he/she is informed about his/her HIV status?
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