



# THE PENNSYLVANIA APPROACH TO RISK ASSESSMENT

## The Fifteen Core Factors

1. Vulnerability
2. Severity, Frequency, and/or Recency of Abuse/Neglect
3. Prior Abuse/Neglect
4. Extent of Emotional Harm
5. Caretaker's Age, Physical, Intellectual, or Emotional Status
6. Caretaker's Level of Cooperation
7. Caretaker's Parenting Skill/Knowledge
8. Alcohol/Substance Abuse
9. Alleged Perpetrator's Access to Children
10. Prior Abuse/Neglect
11. Parental Relationship with Child
12. Family Violence
13. Condition of the Home
14. Family Supports
15. Stressors