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AGENDA



CPA DATA OVERVIEW



HOME SAFETY VISITS:
THE IMPORTANCE OF
ASSESSING THE ENTIRE
HOME



WAIVER SUBMISSION BY
CCTU



REMINDERS



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

CPA DATA REVIEW

FEB. 2024
UNAPPROVED
HOMES

Total of ***90 Unapproved Homes**

1 Overdue Re-Evaluation that is more than **120 days** past due

89 Unapproved Homes due to missing screenings or CPR/1st Aid

*Providers must routinely review GA SCORE Home Compliance Alerts



HOME SAFETY VISITS THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSING THE ENTIRE HOME

- **What is your agency process for assessing the home?**
 - **Are you uncomfortable with doing unannounced visits? If so Why?**
- **Do you go out to the home even if they do not have any children placed?**





SQS: PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

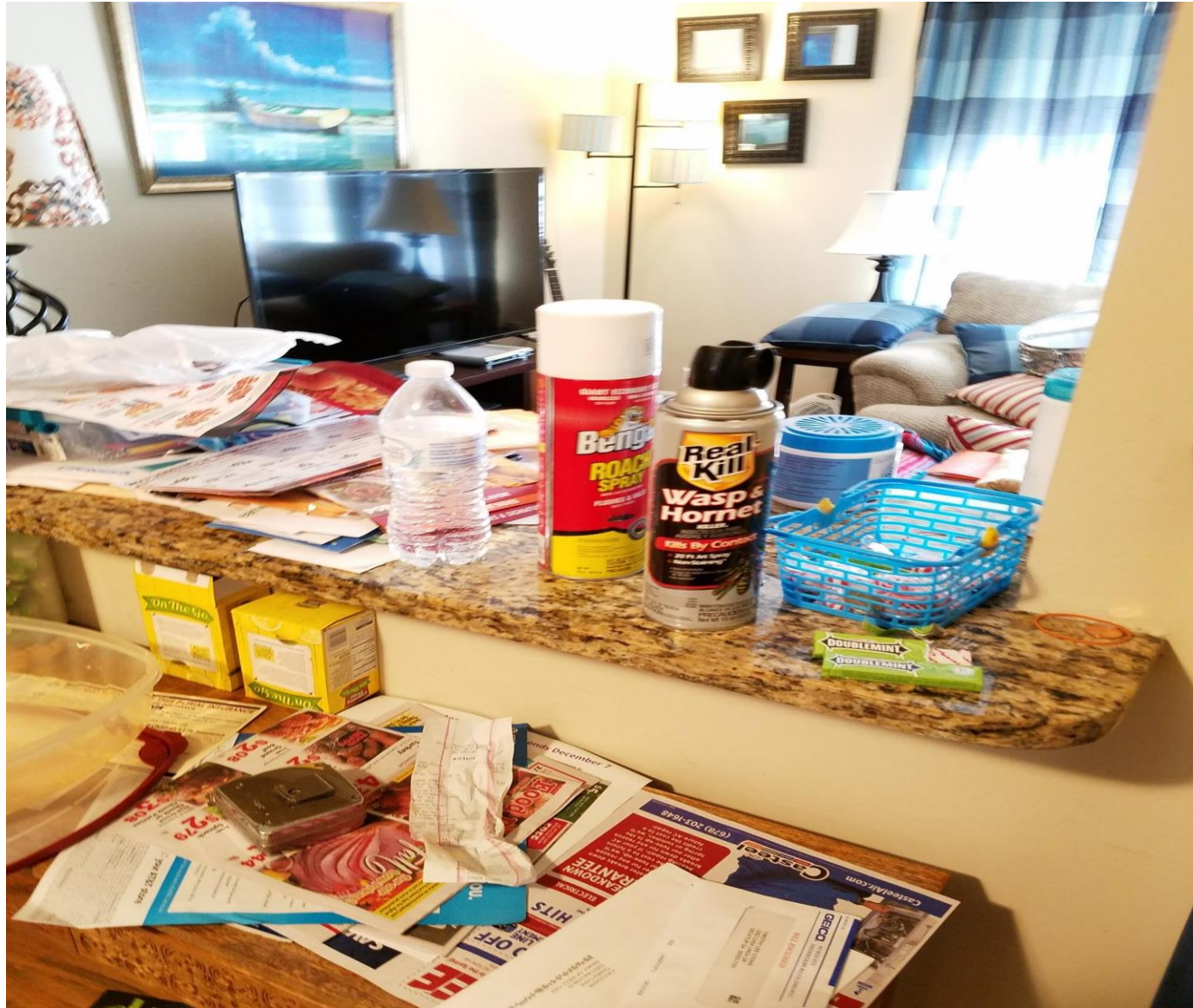
- Discuss the cleanliness, orderliness, and maintenance of the home
- Is the home child proofed? What type of child proof devices are in the home?
- Discuss if caregiver(s) have a pool or any body of water on or near their property.
- Are there weapons in the home? (where are they stored? Is ammo kept locked separate from the weapon, is the weapon unloaded?)



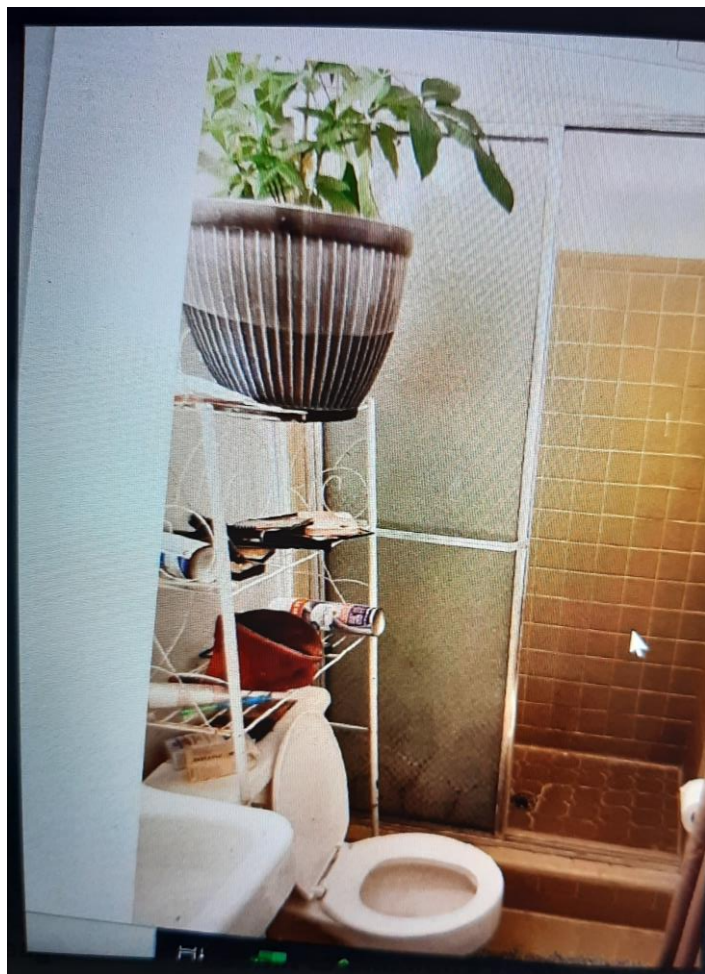
SQS: PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT CONTD.

- Do the family have any pets in the home? What is the pet breed? If so, describe the temperament of the animals. Are they up to date on the vaccinations? What is the plan to introduce the pets to new foster children that are placed in the home? What safety precautions are put in place to ensure the children are safe around pets in the home?
- Are the smoke and carbon detectors located near the sleeping area? Is there a fire plan in the home? If so, where is the fire plan located?
- Are the household medications, sharp objects, and hazardous material secured? If so, where? Is there alcohol in the home? Is it locked stored away from children?
- Are the computers or electronics in the home have parental control on them to prevent children from gaining access to inappropriate things?

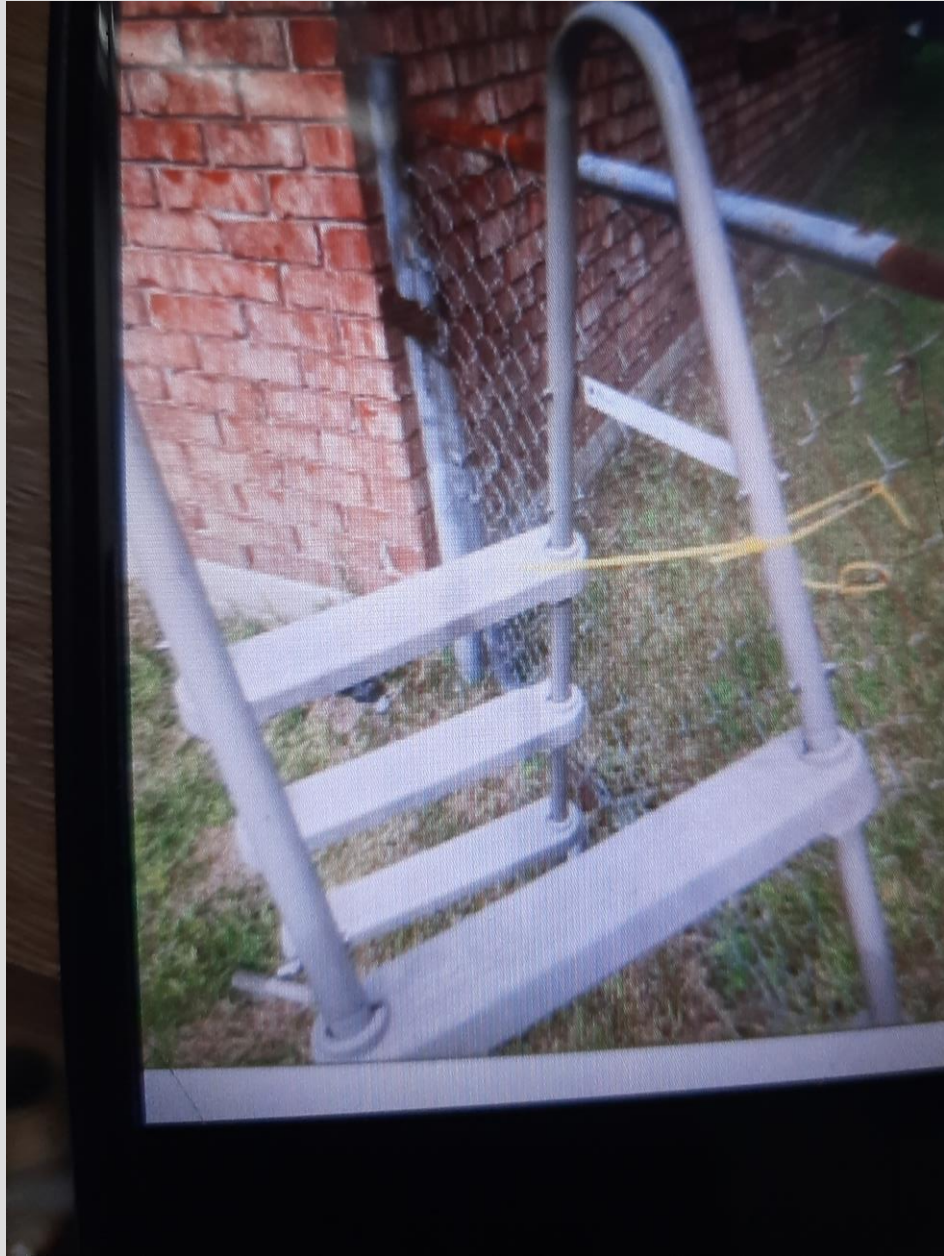














QUESTIONS



Red Flags

What are the Red Flags when it comes to assessing SAFETY of foster homes?



Evaluate the Risks

- Single Female foster parent living in the home alone: In the home you have identified male clothing(s), cologne, and pictures of her and a male figure.
- Caregiver(s) report they do not smoke nor does anyone smoke in the home: In the home you have identified a pot near the front porch with used cigarette butts, heavy scent of air freshener throughout the home, other areas of the home where you see ashes and residue
- Things that are displayed in the home (books, pictures, figurines etc..)
- Caregiver(s) state that they don't want to let you in certain rooms including the basements due to personal items.





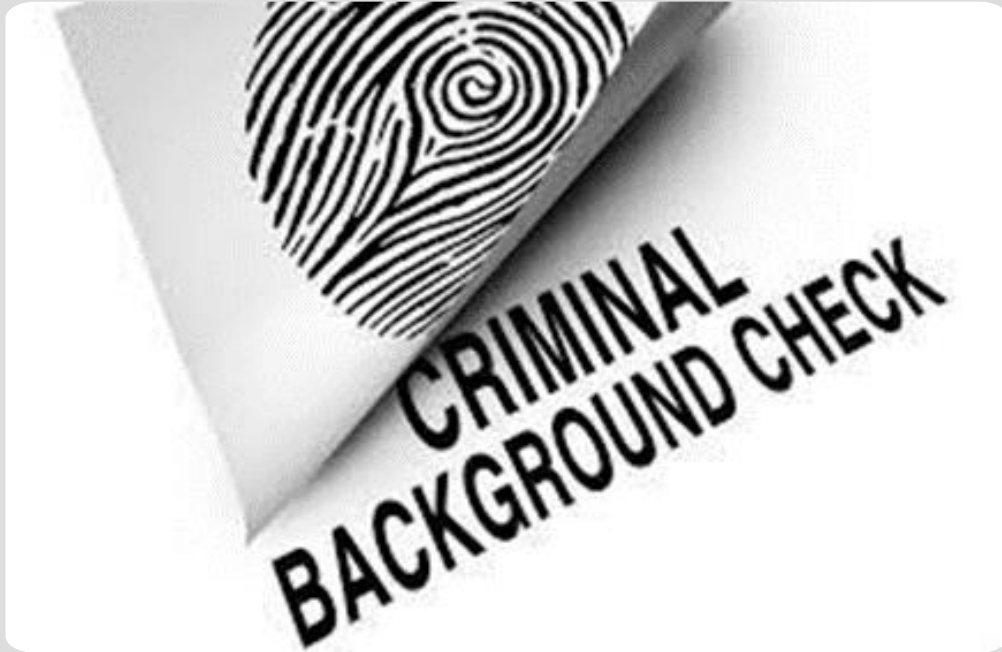
How do you address the red flags?



OPM RD Reminders



Five Year Re-certification



- Re-evaluation Policy 14.13 Reminder Provide caregivers at least 90 calendar days' notice of the need for any medical evaluations or criminal records checks (Fitness Determination Letter) for themselves or household members.
- Conduct a fingerprint-based criminal history records check (CRC) of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database on all caregivers and adult household members at least every five years from the date of the Initial Family Evaluation. **The CRC must be conducted within 90 days prior to the re-evaluation due date (see policy 19.8 Case Management: Criminal Records Checks).**
- Note
- Due to policy and Shines new enhancement **ALL NCIC/GCIC** completed in 2019 needs to be completed prior submitting the re-evaluation. Shines will not allow the home to be processed and approved without the current screenings.

RE-EVALUATION POLICY 14.13

REMINDER

- Initiate a comprehensive re-evaluation of the household at least 90 calendar days prior to the expiration date.
- The annual re-evaluation must be completed prior to the expiration of the current foster home approval period.
 - i. No home shall have more than 24 months of approval (e.g., the re-evaluation for a foster home approved 01/10/2023 is due by 12/31/2024).
 - ii. If a re-evaluation is completed within 30 calendar days of the due date, then the approval term (starting month to ending month -e.g., 01/1/2023-12/31/2024) and re-evaluation date will remain the same.
 - iii. If the re-evaluation is completed more than 30 calendar days early or late, then the approval term and re-evaluation date must change.

GA SCORE UPDATES NEEDED

- Timely submission of caregiver five-year medical and criminal screenings and 18-year-old household member medical, criminal and safety screenings in GA SCORE
- Ensure the most current agency staff members and agency contacts are always listed in GA SCORE
- Ensure the most current CPR and First Aid training information is entered in GA SCORE
- A total of 15 continued parent development annual training hours for each caregiver are needed in GA SCORE. Please try to routinely request training certificates from caregivers and enter the training information in GA SCORE within the month received.

NTDC TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

Training Opportunities

RBWO
Foundations

NTDC Train-
the-Trainer &
IMPACT

PBP Training

ECEM and
Additional
RBWO Training

CCTU
Training

DFCS supervisors should use the online registration system to register DFCS staff, foster parents, and contractors for this class. Private agencies (including individuals who plan to contract with DFCS in the future) should use [this form to register*](#) for class. All parties interested in providing pre-service training to prospective foster parents will need to complete NTDC TTT before the end of 2024. Please send all class availability inquiries and registration forms to ssregistrar@dhs.ga.gov.

If you are an IMPACT lead or provider, please [click here](#) to gain access to some useful resources. You will be directed offsite to a Microsoft OneDrive web page. Close that window to return to this website.

**Save a copy to your computer and open it locally to use the fillable PDF feature. The form will not be fillable if opened in your browser. Form updated 10/16/2023.*



Helpful Resources

- ODIS <https://odis.dhs.ga.gov/General>
- RBWO minimum standards
[https://www.gascore.com/documents/FY23
RBWO Minimum Standards update.pdf](https://www.gascore.com/documents/FY23_RBWO_Minimum_Standards_update.pdf)
- SAFE website
<https://www.safehomestudy.org/>
- Care Solutions - support@gascore.com
- OPM RD Team – OPM RD Duty Calendar





Happy Thursday

*Today, wherever you go
carry the intention of
peace, love, and harmony
in your heart.*

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Suggestions

OPM RD TEAM would love your feedback and suggestions. Please send information to opm.leadership@dhs.ga.gov

