

Family Needs

	1 At Risk – Needs Unmet	2	3 Stable – Needs Met	4	5 Thriving – Needs Exceeded	Next Step
Housing	Lives in unsafe, unsanitary, or unaffordable housing; lacks basic furniture. Seriously overcrowded, does not understand basics of plumbing, electricity, smoke alarms, etc 1	2	Lives in safe, decent, affordable housing; has basic furniture. Can report problems with plumbing, electricity to apartment manager, understands smoke alarms 3	4	Lives in safe, decent, affordable, appropriate long-term housing of choice; more than adequate furnishings, understands basic plumbing, utilities, enough to repair or call for repair 5	
Food	Unable to secure food – needs emergency assistance 1	2	Has food stamps, can secure food and prepare meals, knows where to purchase food familiar to culture 3	4	Understands basics of nutrition and prepares food accordingly. 5	
Finances	Lacks means or ability to meet financial needs - needs emergency assistance 1	2	Can meet basic personal needs; has prepared a budget, can write a check, understands credit, with help 3	4	Able to meet financial needs; can plan and manage money. Has established good credit; no longer using food stamps 5	
Transportation	Lacks basic transportation or unable to travel independently. 1	2	Has access to basic transportation assistance and can travel with some help. 3	4	Able to travel or arrange own transportation independently. 5	
Health	Lacks health screening, health care provider, or plan to address medical needs. 1	2	In process of getting health screening; able to address medical needs with help. 3	4	Has a plan for health care; can arrange assistance on own. 5	
English Skills	Does not know any English. 1	2	Knows survival English and/or is referred to an ESL class. 3	4	Can speak enough English for daily life. Has citizenship or has enough English to pass citizenship test 5	
Computer	Has no computer, no access to computer, computer illiterate 1	2	Has computer, Internet, but using computer only for Skype and email. 3	4	Able to use the computer to apply for jobs, practice English, online banking, register in school 5	
Employment	Employable, but not employed. 1	2	Employable and in a job that meets basic needs or in a training program. 3	4	Employable and in a stable job that exceeds basic needs. 5	
School and Parent	Unable to function in school environment 1	2	Able to sign papers, report absences, and maintain basic school compliance, with assistance 3	4	Actively involved in child's education, attends parent/teacher conferences, understands role of parent in helping child succeed 5	
Student	Not able to function in school environment, discipline problems, unable to read; will not communicate needs to teacher 1	2	Will communicate basic needs to teacher; Able to meet behavior guidelines of school, progressing satisfactorily according to school standards for ESL students 3	4	Enjoying and excelling in school, interacting with American systems successfully, involved in extracurricular activities, desires more education 5	