



**International  
Social Service  
USA**

# THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE, USA COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

UNDERSTANDING WHEN AND WHY TO REQUEST

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

Community Resource Mapping is a starting point to understand the variety of services available to a specific child in the community to which s/he may return or be relocated

Resources that are appropriate/necessary for one child might not be appropriate/necessary for every child



# DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

## 1) Phase One: Children in removal proceedings

**Assessment tool** for Unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings

Gather **community level data** to support immigration relief

## Phase Two: Repatriation and Reintegration

**Assessment and planning tool** for children being returned to country of origin, or of parents' origin.

Gather community level data **and document available providers**

## Phase Three: Children with domestic reintegration needs

**Assessment and planning tool** for children with reintegration needs

Gather family and community level data on resources to **support children's reintegration**

# CHILD & COMMUNITY SERVICES ARE MULTIPURPOSE

## Children Served include:

- US citizen or foreign-born children in the care of public child welfare systems
- Immigrant children in removal proceedings
- Unaccompanied minors wishing to voluntarily reunify with family in their home country
- US citizen or foreign-born children separated from parents after deportation
- US citizen or foreign-born child victims of trafficking

Assessments support a variety of needs related to each individual child's permanency planning

- Information to support legal cases for adjustment of immigration status
- Development of a safe return and reintegration plan
- Service specific information to inform child-centered decision-making



# CHILD SPECIFIC

Community Resource Assessments are specific to the individual needs of each child.  
The referral should note:

- The context from which the child will be coming
- History of involvement with CPS
- History of abuse/abusers
- Identified caregivers
- Significant relationships
- Behavioral health issues and other therapeutic needs
- Medical conditions, medications, and other physical health needs
- Outline of other relevant history

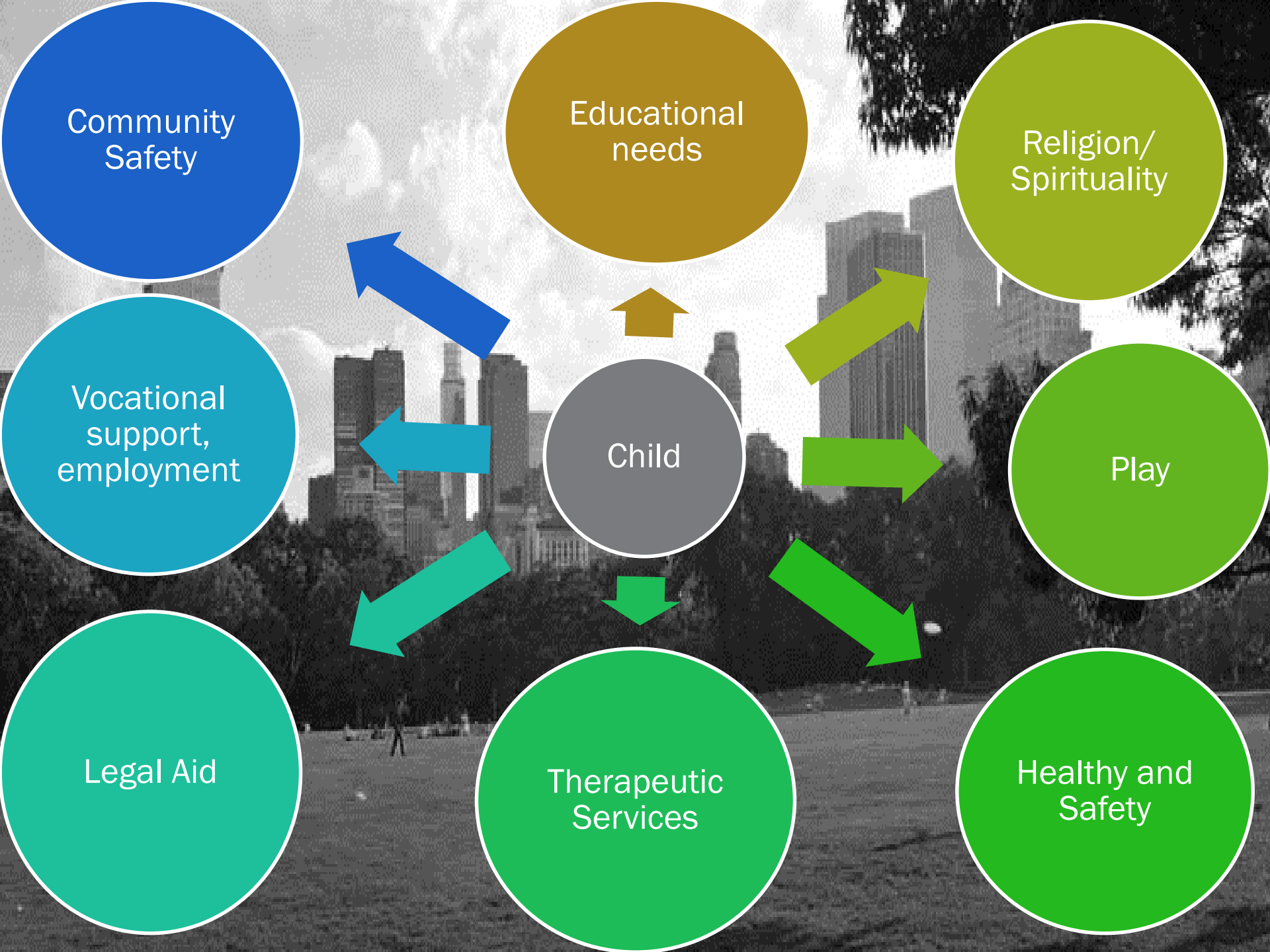


# COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

Community Resource Assessments provide a comprehensive, community specific report on the community a child has left, or to which s/he may be returned.

The assessments identify resources in a variety of categories including physical and mental health, educational and vocational needs, community, recreational and religious needs among others





# COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

You will receive a checklist and a written report of all resources available to the child, as well as deficits and risks that may pose a threat to the child.

The assessment can become a tool to develop a service plan for children reintegrating with family members after a long separation.





# ISS GLOBAL NETWORK

ISS network partners around the world rely on local social work and social service professionals to carry out all assessments and services.



This ensures service provision is culturally and linguistically appropriate, and that assessments provide contextual background to support of decisions made in the best interest of children.



# WE ARE HERE TO HELP



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