
APPENDIX G: ARKANSAS HEALTH AND SAFETY FACTORS

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- 1) Caretaker's behavior toward child (ren) is violent or out of control.
- 2) Caretaker describes or acts towards the child in predominantly negative terms or has extremely unrealistic expectations.
- 3) Caretaker caused serious physical injury to the child or made a plausible threat to cause severe physical injury.
- 4) Caretaker's explanation for the injury is unconvincing.
- 5) The family refuses access to the child and there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee, or the child's whereabouts cannot be ascertained.
- 6) Caretaker has not, cannot, or will not provide supervision necessary to protect the child from potentially dangerous harm.
- 7) Caretaker is unwilling or unable to meet the child's needs for food, clothing, shelter, and/or medical, or mental, health care.
- 8) Child is fearful of the caretaker, other family members, or other people living in or having access to the home.
- 9) Child's physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening, based on the child's age and developmental status.
- 10) Child sexual abuse is suspected and circumstances suggest that child safety may be an immediate concern.
- 11) Caretaker's current substance use seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
- 12) Caretaker fails to protect child (ren) from serious physical or threatened harm.
- 13) Caretaker's emotional stability seriously affects current ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
- 14) Caretaker has previously maltreated a child and the severity of the maltreatment or the caretaker's response to the previous incidents suggest that child safety may be an immediate concern.