

WFHB revision 6.2 In loco parentis assessments and home visits

6.2.2 Who needs it?

An assessment reveals a participant's issues and strengths, so we can connect the participant to appropriate resources, services, and activities to foster self-sufficiency.

Request an assessment:

- For participants who are pregnant or have a child less than twenty-four months old,
- For pregnant or parenting minors who require a determination of the appropriateness of their living arrangements,
- For In Loco Parentis caregivers, voluntarily, as part of a Character, Competency, and Suitability review.
- For a recipient of Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA),
- When a participant has an issue that they can't easily resolve, such as mental health or substance abuse,
- When a participant is engaged in WorkFirst activities, but may also need to spend some time working on issues that interfere with employment,
- When an eJAS comprehensive evaluation or the eJAS note type indicates further assessment is needed to determine next steps, and
- During the application process, if the participant has an immediate or urgent need.

6.2.3 Issues to be resolved

As shown in the chart below, there are many issues that may interfere with a participant's ability to become self-sufficient, provide stability or care for a child in their home. Any indication of the issues listed below may require a WFSSS assessment so they can be addressed.

Key Issues to resolve	
Education & employment	Problems in school or on the job may indicate hidden learning disabilities, critical skills gaps, or other factors that require further evaluation.
General health	Lack of dental care or physical disabilities may require a referral to a dentist, doctor, SSI or DVR.
Pregnancy or parent of child less than 24 months old	Help is available to provide prenatal care, child support, parent education, and to create a better support system.
Family planning	Family planning services are available to avoid unintended pregnancies that can make it harder to achieve independence.

Key Issues to resolve	
Child health & nutrition	Help obtaining immunizations, regular well-child check-ups and health or nutrition advice.
Parent/child development	Parenting classes are available to deal with the issues faced by working parents.
Mental/Emotional health	Help is available to deal with depression, anxiety, anger, grief or the aftermath of physical, sexual or emotional abuse.
Domestic violence	Connect participants with domestic violence agencies for expert advice and assistance.
Substance abuse/Chemical dependency	Refer participants for substance abuse/chemical dependency assessment and treatment.
Housing/ <u>TLA eligibility</u>	Help in finding stable and adequate housing, <u>or supporting determination of appropriateness of living situation for pregnant/parenting teens, in Teen Living Assessments (TLA).</u> 7
Child care	Help in finding safe, affordable, and reliable child care.
Transportation	Help in developing a reliable transportation plan (looking at mass transit, insurance, driver's license issues).
Legal Issues (<u>Past or Present</u>)	Help in dealing with various legal issues that can interfere with employment (like evictions, bankruptcy, or criminal history <u>such as a current or past offense towards children or vulnerable adults</u>).
Other agencies/Tribal	Connect the participant to other resources (like Head Start or tribal services) or coordinate with other agencies (like CPS).