



The Strengths & Risks Framework: Updates

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Discussion

1. Review:
 - What is STAR and what is the purpose?
 - How should STAR be used?
2. Summary of 2022 STAR Framework Enhancements
 - Distinguish between ongoing assessment and coding Measurement Categories, and data entry
3. How does STAR impact nursing practice?
 - a. Nurse Home Visitors
 - b. Nurse Supervisors
 - c. Administrators
 - d. NSO staff



Strengths and Risks Framework

STAR is a **comprehensive assessment** of the client.
It's the **first step** in the **Nursing Process**.



Strengths and Risks Framework Measurement Categories



Personal Health

1. Substance Use and Misuse
2. Chronic Illness and/or Pregnancy Complications
3. Developmental and intellectual Disability or Limitation
4. Depression, Anxiety, and Mental Health Issues



Maternal Role

5. Caregiving Attitudes and Behaviors
6. Child Health and Development
7. Child Care



Life Course Development

8. Client Education and Work
9. Pregnancy Planning
10. English Literacy Limitations
11. Criminal Justice / Legal Issues



Family / Friends

12. Loneliness and Social Isolation
13. Intimate Partner Violence
14. Unsafe Family or Friends Network



Environmental Health

15. Economic Insecurity
16. Homelessness and Residential Instability
17. Environmental Health
18. Home Safety



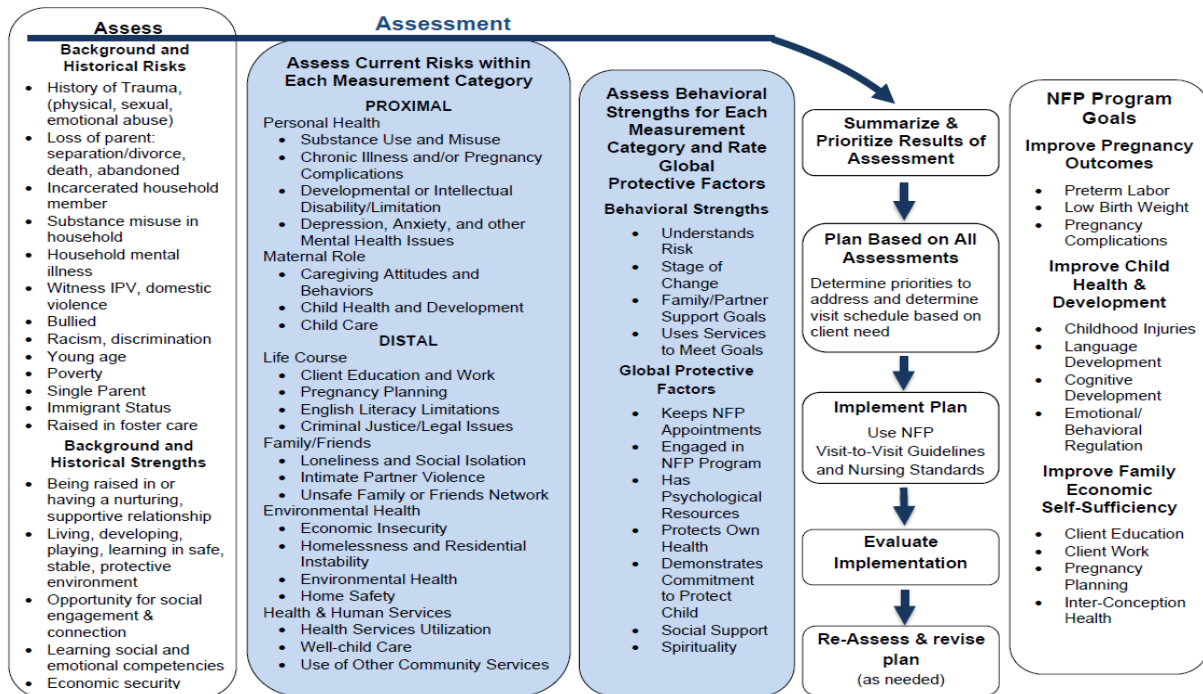
Health and Human Services

19. Health Service Utilization
20. Well-Child Care - Infancy and Toddlerhood
21. Use of other Community Services

NFP Strengths and Risks Framework Conceptual Model

STAR Framework: Introduction

Figure 1: STAR Framework Conceptual Model





Strengths and Risks (STAR) Framework

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STAR Framework Enhancements

OVERVIEW



- Revisions were informed by racially diverse nurses and supervisors in several subcommittees from the Innovations Advisory Committee:
 - STAR
 - Maternal Morbidity and Mortality
 - Cultural Awareness
- Episcopal Health Grant Teams in Texas
- ACES/TVIC workgroup
- Nurses who attended in-person education



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STAR Framework Enhancements

OVERVIEW



Notable additions

- Impact of racism/discrimination/bias
- Client History - ACES/TVIC Lens - Life History Assessment
- Gender inclusive language

Other Enhancements

- New PRN Timepoint
- Added Global Protective Factor (GPF)-Spirituality
- Quick Reference Guide replaces cheat sheet-
 - How to use on mobile devices.





STAR Ongoing Assessment: Documentation

NEW Documentation: Optional Excel Workbook



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Internal.

1	Site Name:		Client Name:						
2	Team Name:		Primary NHV Name:						
3	Client ID:		Client DOB:						
4									
5	Stage of Change Codes								
6	PC Pre-Contemplation/Not ready to change	C Contemplation/Thinking of changing	P Preparation / Getting ready to change	A Action / Making small changes	M Maintenance / Working toward goals	SE Self-Empowerment / Keeping it up			CAUTION: BLUE CELLS CONTAIN FORMULAS
7									
8									
9	Measurement Category	Date	Risk Level NA, 0, 1, 2	Understands risks/benefits	Stage of Change	Friends/family support goals	Uses services to meet goals	Comments Strengths Risks	
10	1. Substance Use and Misuse								
11	2. Chronic illness and/or Pregnancy Complication								
12	3. Developmental and Intellectual Disability/Limitation								
13	4. Depression, Anxiety, and Mental Health Issues								
14	5. Caregiving Attitudes and Behaviors								
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23	14. Unsafe Family or Friend								

STAR Summary Plan of Care 1. Substance Use and Misuse 2. Chronic Illness 3. Dev & Intellectual Disability 4. Depression, Anxiety and MH 5. Caregiving Attitudes 6. Child Health & Dev 7. Child ...

STAR Framework Documentation Guidance

For Excel Workbook



STAR Data Entry

STAR DCS Form



STAR Framework

Client ID Client Name

Date of Visit Nurse ID Nurse Name

Check One: Initial Pregnancy 36 Weeks Infancy 8 Weeks Infancy 12 Months Toddler 18 Months PRN

Personal Health

1. Substance Use & Misuse

- Risk Level
 - 0 - Low (Skip to Q2)
 - 1 - Moderate
 - 2 - High
 - NA - Not Addressed (Skip to Q2)

- Understands Risk /Needs
 - Yes
 - No

- Stage of Change
 - PC - Pre-Contemplation (Skip to Q2)
 - C - Contemplation
 - P - Preparation
 - A - Action
 - M - Maintenance
 - SE - Self Empowerment

- Friends/family support goals
 - Yes
 - No

- Uses services to meet goals
 - Yes
 - No

2. Chronic Illness and/or Pregnancy Complication

- Risk Level
 - 0 - Low (Skip to Q3)
 - 1 - Moderate
 - 2 - High
 - NA - Not Addressed (Skip to Q3)

- Understands Risk /Needs
 - Yes
 - No

- Stage of Change
 - PC - Pre-Contemplation (Skip to Q3)
 - C - Contemplation
 - P - Preparation
 - A - Action
 - M - Maintenance
 - SE - Self Empowerment

- Friends/family support goals
 - Yes
 - No

- Uses services to meet goals
 - Yes
 - No

3. Developmental and Intellectual Disability/Limitation

- Risk Level
 - 0 - Low (Skip to Q4)
 - 1 - Moderate
 - 2 - High
 - NA - Not Addressed (Skip to Q4)

- Understands Risk /Needs
 - Yes
 - No

- Stage of Change
 - PC - Pre-Contemplation (Skip to Q4)
 - C - Contemplation
 - P - Preparation
 - A - Action
 - M - Maintenance
 - SE - Self Empowerment

- Friends/family support goals
 - Yes
 - No

- Uses services to meet goals
 - Yes
 - No

Instructions for the STAR Framework

Purpose

The purpose of the STAR Framework is to support the nurses to organize their care by assessing the clients' strengths and risks for planning individualized interventions with the client.

General Guidelines

- When to complete this form for data entry:
 - After Fifth to Seventh visit
 - 36 weeks of pregnancy
 - 8 weeks postpartum
 - Infancy 12 months
 - Toddler 18 months
 - PRN
 - A PRN data entry timepoint allows the nurse to capture "change over time". Use this timepoint when:
 - There is a significant* change in a Measurement Category (increase/decrease in risk, Stage of Change)
 - The nurse has a concern based on new information.
 - The nurse has a client who was transferred from another site with original STAR data at the previous site.
 - There was a missed data time point.
- *Risk factor change.

Item Instructions

- For Date of Visit use the date that the STAR Framework assessment data was consolidated, not necessarily the date of a client visit.
- Complete the following for each of the 21 behaviors listed:
 - Client risk status as assessed at the time of the last visit.
 - Indicate if the client understands the risks/needs related to the risk identified.
 - Check the stage of change for the client related to the risk identified.
 - Indicate if the client has friends/family support related to the risk identified.
 - Indicate if the client uses services to meet her goals related to the risk identified.
- Comments are optional and will be captured in the data collection system differently. For Flo' Users, use the Notes section on the Service File as needed to enter any relevant comments. The process for this is documented in the [Flo' User Manual](#).
- Please be aware that free text fields, comments, and notes are not required, and are not captured in reports.

STAR Impacts Practice

The Strengths and Risks Framework assessment is the catalyst for nursing intervention in NFP .

- Drives the individualized plan of care for each NFP client.
- Supports model outcomes.



Impacting Nurse Home Visitor Practice

STAR informs and supports NFP practice

- Visit Content
- Visit Dosage
- Achieves Program Outcomes



Impacting Supervisor Practice

- 1:1 Supervision
- Case Conferences & Team Meetings
- Referral Management
- Client Profile Report

Provides nurse supervisor with a holistic view of team caseload and team needs



Impacting Administrator Practice

- Community Awareness
 - Referral Sources
 - Client Services
- Program Champions
- Program Resources
 - Professional Development
- Funding

NFP works best when program theories are reflected in program administration



Impacting National Service Office Practice

- Ensure nurses receive STAR education
- Assess STAR integration
- Monitor reports
- Support NS
- Support Administrator





QUESTIONS?