Clinical Guidelines and Service Definitions

Interactional Assessment

Funding Stream
This is funded by Core Services if no other resources are available.

Definition of Service
- Service goals are centered on promoting child and family safety and family protective capacity.
- This service is used to assess the relational pattern and the quality of interactions and attachment between parent (or potential guardian) and child(ren); as well as, to assess strengths and weaknesses of parenting skills demonstrated during the assessment. This assessment could be utilized during the families’ initial participation in CORE services to help direct treatment when there is no better way to gather the needed information, or, if an additional objective opinion regarding parent-child interaction is necessary. This assessment is not a means to determine whether or not a person is fit to parent.
- The report should contain the following information: identifying information, referral source, reason(s) for referral, procedures used, collateral contacts, relevant history, findings – to include interaction and attachment quality, parenting strengths and weaknesses, empathy and protective capacity, overall conclusions and recommendations and rationale for recommendations.
- The collection and review of collateral information must be obtained prior to completing the report and documentation of the collateral information must be included in the final written report. If unable to obtain collateral data within one week of the referral, the provider must outreach to caseworker/supervisor/Health Network care coordinator to facilitate collection of collateral information. Reports written without obtaining collateral information will not be reimbursed without prior approval from AspenPointe Health Network.

Estimated Length of Treatment:
Three to six hours over several different sessions and/or settings

Frequency of Services:
Once per year

Provider Credentials:
- Be Licensed or have a Master’s Degree and has passed State of Colorado written licensing exam in any one of the mental health licensing areas (LPC, LMFT, LCSW).
- Providers should have experience in infant mental health and attachment issues, as well as experience with family system dynamics.

Provider Responsibilities:
Report required within ten business days of completed evaluation – both the Caseworker and Care Coordinator are to receive copies of the report.
Caseworker Responsibilities:
Caseworker is responsible for providing specific referral question(s) to the Care Coordinator on the referral form; this will enable the provider to most effectively address the relevant issues.

Staffing:
Not applicable.