Mental Health Assessment Decision Tree

Decision is made to take the child into temporary physical custody.

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Age appropriate MHST form is completed at the CPC Health Screen appointment and given to BMCW staff.

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During wrap up at the end of the CPC Health Screening, the MHST form is reviewed with CPC staff and the IASW/designee accompanying the child to the CPC exam. If the child is found to be in need of immediate (crisis or urgent) mental health stabilization, a call will be placed to MUTT by CPC staff.

**NOTE:** If immediate mental health stabilization is indicated: Parental consent is *not* required prior to service.

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The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) will be completed by the ongoing case manager for all children entering out-of-home care. The CANS will be administered within 30 days of placement.

Completion of the CANS tools and any indicated mental health services follow up must be documented in eWiSACWIS. Enter the date the CANS was completed and any indications for referral to mental health services. If the CANS tool indicates the need for mental health service referral, an appointment with a qualified mental health provider must be scheduled to occur within 2-4 weeks (or sooner as indicated) of the CANS completion.

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Consent for mental health services is obtained from the parent as indicated.