

Overview of NSCAW Investigative Caseworker Instrument Module

| Module | CAPI Section | Construct | Measure | Author/Publisher | Waves | Information Gathered |
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| Questionnaire Introduction | QC | N/A | Project-developed introduction script | N/A | All | N/A |
| Up-Front Module | UP | N/A | Project-developed questions to drive instrument wording/flow and ensure data linkage | N/A | All | Caseworker name and employee ID (to link child interviews to caseworker interviews); employer, date of birth, and name and relationship of child's current caregiver |
| Case Investigation | CI | Case Investigation | Project-developed questions | N/A | 1 | Circumstances surrounding the investigative report; background of the caseworker |
| Alleged Abuse | AA | Nature of abuse | Project-developed questions | N/A | 1 | Details about the specific nature of the alleged abuse or neglect |
| Risk Assessment | RA | Risk Assessment | Project-developed questions based on questions from Michigan, New York, Washington, Illinois, Colorado risk assessment forms and checklists | N/A | 1 | Factors determining case decisions, including prior history of abuse or neglect, caregiver substance abuse, domestic violence in the home, caregiver mental health problems, poor parenting skills, excessive discipline, and so forth. |
| Services to Parents | SP | Services to parents | Project-developed questions | N/A | All | Service needs, regardless of availability; asked only for long-term foster care (LTFC) cases at Wave 1; asked for all cases at Waves 2, 3, and 4 |
| Services to Child | SC | Services to child | Project-developed questions | N/A | All | Service the child may have received; asked only for long-term foster care (LTFC) cases at Wave 1; asked for all cases at Waves 2, 3, and 4 |
| Caseworker Interview Close | CW | N/A | Project-developed script to end caseworker interview | N/A | All | N/A |