## Child Safety in Shelters Checklist Assessment of children's needs

	How many children are staying in the shelter (if available, what are their
	ages)?
	Are there unaccompanied or separated children, or children at higher risk?
	Are nutritious, age-appropriate meals and snacks available for children and
	for infants?
	Are age appropriate activities available for children in the shelter?
	Are children able to access normal programming opportunities (if available:
	child care, school, after school programs, summer programs)?
	Are children's safety and hygiene needs met?
	Is there a diaper changing area? Is there appropriate sanitation and proper
	disposal?
	Are there sufficient diapers, wipes, bathing supplies, etc.?
	Are there safe sleeping areas for children? (physically safe sleeping materials
	and free of high-risk residents?)
	Are there appropriate disease prevention techniques in place?
	☐ Handwashing is encouraged; soap is available; adequate number of
	sinks, etc.
	☐ Shelter is cleaned regularly, bathrooms are sanitary as possible,
	garbage is emptied
	☐ Flu prevention, handwashing tips are posted
	Assess Bathroom/Facility Access and Safety
	☐ Do family sleeping areas and children's areas have direct access to
	bathrooms?
	☐ Are there security officials or shelter staff monitoring bathroom
	activity to reduce the risk of inappropriate activity in restrooms?
	☐ Are bathroom and other areas well lit (inside and outside)?
	Is there a private area for women who are breast feeding?
	Is there a quiet area for expecting mothers to rest?

Is the Evacuation Center screening and separating convicted sex offenders?
Is the Evacuation Center screening all entrants and people exiting?
Are there systems in place to report unlawful acts against children?
Are children's mental health needs being addressed?