

## 12. Determine Moderate to High Needs

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As defined in OAR 413-015-0115 moderate to high needs means observable family behaviors, conditions, or circumstances that are occurring now; and over the next year without intervention, are likely to have a negative impact on a child’s physical, sexual, psychological, cognitive, or behavioral development or functioning. The potential negative impact is not judged to be severe. While intervention is not required for the child to be safe, it is reasonable to determine that short term targeted services can reduce or eliminate the likelihood that the negative impact will occur.

### **Procedure**

At the conclusion of the CPS assessment when a CPS worker and CPS supervisor have determined there is no impending danger safety threat, however observable family behaviors, conditions, or circumstances that are occurring now and over the next year without intervention, are likely to have a negative impact on a child’s physical, sexual, psychological, cognitive, or behavioral development or functioning and the potential negative impact is not judged to be severe, the family, the CPS worker and supervisor may determine moderate to high needs exist within the family condition.

When it is determined that a family has moderate to high needs, refer to Chapter II section 13, “Make Child Safety Decision and Determine Whether to Open a Case”, for next steps.

### **Documentation**

The CPS worker must document the moderate to high needs determination in OR-Kids.