

Marriage & Emotional Assessment Tool



Date _____ / _____ / _____

Client Name _____ Case Number _____

Interpreter _____ Language _____

This form should be used when the initial intake suggests issues regarding the client's good faith marriage and/or emotional abuse during marriage. The questions are intended to be a conversational aid, and the interviewer should always ask the client for more detail when necessary.

Previous Marriages

Have you been previously married? Yes No

What type of marriage? Traditional Civil Religious Other (explain) _____

How many times? _____

What country was your previous spouse a citizen of? _____

Did you ever file for immigration benefits through your previous spouse? (either for yourself, or for your children) Yes No

If so, what happened? _____

When were you divorced? _____

Why did you get divorced? _____

Do you have the divorce decree? Yes No

Has your current spouse been previously married? Yes No

How many times? _____

When was he divorced? _____

Do you have the divorce decree? Yes No

Did you know at the time of your marriage to him, whether he was still married? Yes No

Current Marriage

When did you first meet your current spouse? _____

Why did you decide to get married? _____

When and where did you marry your current spouse? _____

Do you have the marriage certificate? If not, why not? Yes No (explain) _____

Are you still currently married to your husband? Yes No

If not, when was the final divorce decree? _____

If yes, when was the last time you had contact with him? _____

What was your daily life like with your husband? (who did the chores, paid bills, social life, etc.) _____

Emotional Abuse

Did he often get angry? _____

When got angry, what did he do? _____

Did it seem like he got angrier than a normal person would? (would he over-react?) Yes No

Did he insult or make fun of you? Yes No

What did he say/what words did he use? _____

How often? _____

Did he ever do it in public? Yes No

Did you feel like you had to change yourself to avoid his insults? Yes No

Did he try to keep you away from your family and friends? Yes No

Did he destroy your possessions? Yes No

Did he threaten to divorce or leave you? Yes No

If yes, how does your culture view divorce? _____

What would have happened to you if he had divorced you? _____

Did he ever invade your privacy? (read your mail or email, listen to phone conversations and messages, look through personal belongings? Etc.) Yes No

How? _____

How often? _____

How did this affect you personally? _____

Did he ever hide or destroy important papers or personal belongings? Yes No

Did he make any threats to harm you or your family? Yes No

Did he threaten to turn you in to immigration? Yes No

Did he threaten to or actually divulge personal secrets to others OR embarrass you in front of family and friends? Yes No

Did he ever tell you he could legally hurt or control you? Yes No

Proving It

Have you sought mental health counseling? Yes No

Have you been to a domestic violence shelter because of his abuse? Yes No

Were there ever any other people around when he was emotionally or verbally abusive to you? Yes No

Did you tell anyone about his emotional or verbal abuse? Yes No