Screening and Assessment of Sibling Aggression and Abuse

Caffaro, J. V. (2014). *Sibling Abuse Trauma: Assessment and Intervention Strategies for Children, Families, and Adults* (2nd edition). Routledge.
- Sibling Abuse Interview (can be used as a whole or partially)

Hudson, G. R., & Bowie, B. H. (2021). Developing a screening tool to identify harmful sibling aggression in a primary care setting. *Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners*, *33*(7), 506–513. https://doi.org/10/gr6xss
- Sometimes, brothers and sisters hit, kick, or fight with each other when they are feeling mad or frustrated. Does that happen to you and your brothers or sisters?
  - Tell me about that.
  - How often does that happen?
- Some kids say it's scary when they fight with their brother or sister, have you ever felt afraid? Or like you might get hurt really bad?
  - Tell me about that. How often?
- Can you tell them to stop? Can you escape?

Stutey, D., & Clemens, E. V. (2014). Hidden abuse within the home: Recognizing and responding to sibling abuse. *Professional School Counseling*, *18*(1), 206–216. https://doi.org/10/gsb6vr
- Screening questions for psychological sibling aggression and abuse
- What is happening that hurts your feelings?
  - Did this happen accidentally or on purpose? What tells you that it was "on purpose"?

Allen, B., & Pistone, L. F. (2023). Psychometric evaluation of a single-item screening tool for the presence of problematic sexual behavior among preteen children. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *143*, 106327. https://doi.org/10/gsfw9z
- One-item screening question for problematic sexual behavior
- Caregiver report of whether, over the past month, the child "performs sexual behaviors that are concerning to me"
- Response options – Not True, Somewhat True, Certainly True

In addition, professionals can modify existing screeners to include siblings:
- Child sexual abuse,
- Family violence, and
- Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)