

## Improving outcomes for children with predictive modeling

In August 2016 the Allegheny Family Screening Tool (AFST), a predictive risk modeling tool, was implemented in Allegheny County by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to improve child welfare call screening decisions. This new capacity will forward the county's work to improve child protection and permit a more effective alignment of staffing and financial resources by focusing on the children who come to the attention of child welfare and who are most at risk of future maltreatment. Please visit [our website](#) learn more about the development and use of the Allegheny Family Screening Tool.