

## **Directions and Indications of Positive Change in the Domestically Violent or Abusive Parent**

- The parent has made a full disclosure in an appropriate context of his history of physical and psychological abuse.\*
- The parent recognizes and acknowledges that abusive behavior is unacceptable.\*
- The parent recognizes and acknowledges that abusive behavior is a choice.\*
- The parent shows empathy for the effects of their actions on their partner and their children.\*
- The parent can identify their patterns of controlling behaviors and entitled attitudes.\*
- The parent has replaced abusive behaviors with respectful behaviors and attitudes.\*
- The parent is willing to make amends in meaningful ways.\*
- The parent accepts the consequences of their actions.\*

Adapted from Bancroft, L, and Silverman, JG. (2004) Assessing Abuser's Risks to Children In Jaffe, PG; Baker, LL; and Cunningham, AJ; (Eds) *Protecting Children from Domestic Violence: Strategies for Community Intervention* . (pp 112 – 114). New York, The Guilford Press.