

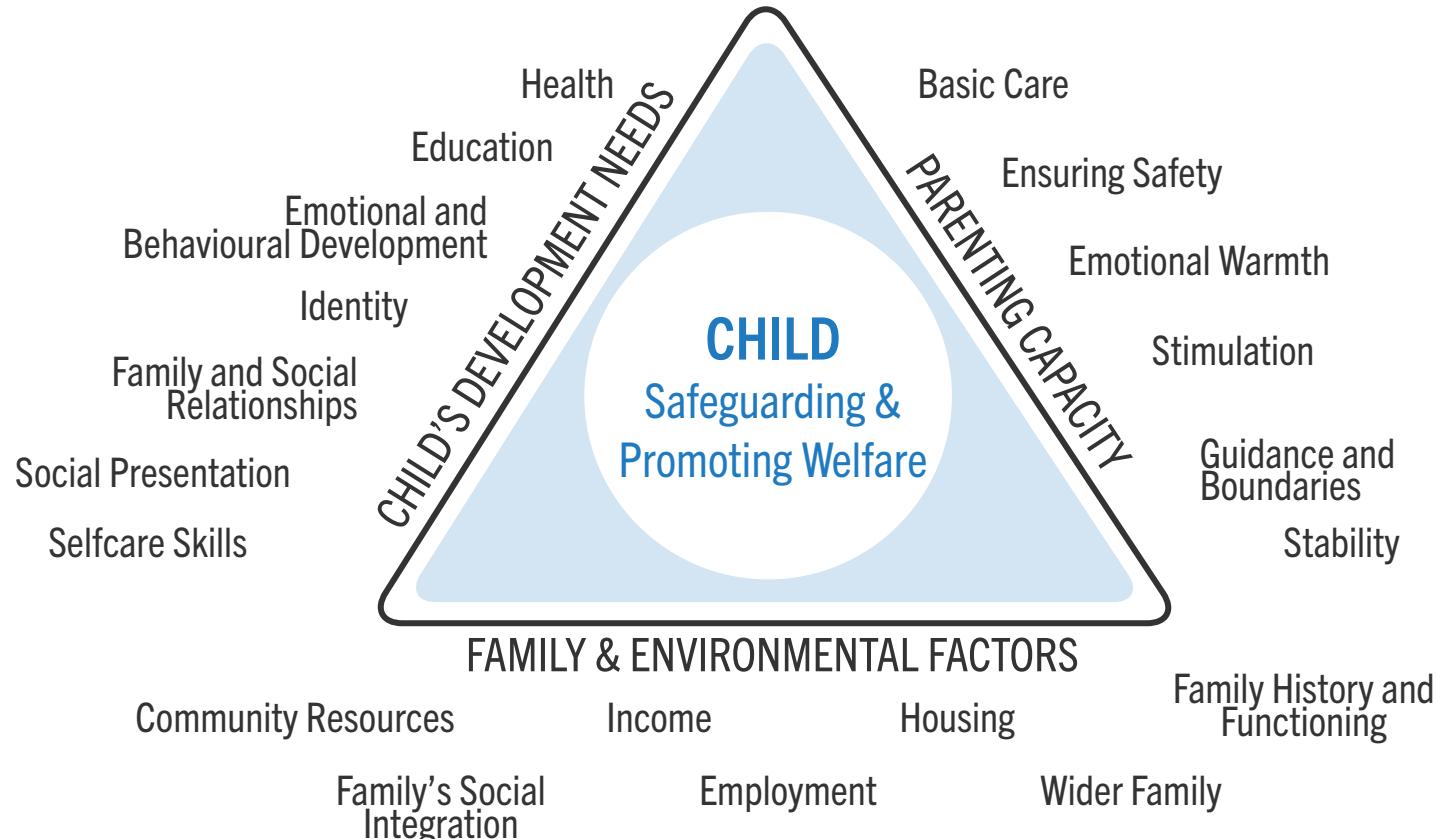


# Assessment Framework



Somerset Safeguarding  
**Children Partnership**

The indicators of need are designed to provide practitioners with an overarching view of the support and intervention a child and family might need and have been laid out in the document to enable partner agencies to develop shared terminology and understanding of areas of need, risk and vulnerability.



**Indicators** are broken down into three domains aligned to the different areas of the **Assessment Triangle**; the child's developmental needs, the parents' or caregivers' capacities to respond appropriately and the wider family and environmental factors.

Each domain relates to the others to inform a holistic approach.

By considering all of the areas, practitioners can build a picture of the strengths as well as areas of concern to assess the child and young person's needs, remembering that children and their families can be at different stages within the continuum of need for their education, health and care.

Always remember that need is not static; the needs of a child and family will change over time