Cambridge Pediatrics Assessment Tool

This assessment tool helps care coordinators, or a person doing care coordination, assess the needs of a patient and family on a variety of social measures.

1. Income and health insurance
   - Who works in your family?
   - If someone has a job, does the employer provide health insurance?
   - If not, do you and the child have health insurance?
   - Is anyone unemployed? If so, is your health insurance through COBRA?
   - Do you have concerns about paying for needs that your insurance does not cover, such as medication, formula or equipment?
   - If no income, do you have concerns about applying for public benefits?
   - Are you receiving benefits such as DTA, Social Security or Disability, Food Stamps, child care subsidy or housing subsidy?
   - Do you ever feel you do not have enough food for your family?

2. Housing and utilities
   - Do you own or rent or are you in alternative housing such as a shelter?
   - If you rent, is it your own apartment or do you share with other people?
   - Are you concerned about losing your housing—served eviction notice, or court involvement?
   - Are you having trouble paying your rent or utilities?
   - Do you have utility shut-off protection?
   - Do you have low income utility discounts? Or fuel assistance? Do you need information about these programs?

3. Education
   - Are you concerned about your child’s learning, behavior or performance in school?
   - If so, have you requested testing or is there an IEP or Health Plan (504) in place? If so, are you satisfied with the services or accommodations?
   - If not, do you need help requesting that?
   - Have you worked with an educational advocate or lawyer? Have you considered using one?
   - Do you know about the services available through the Federation with Special Health Care Needs?

4. Legal
   - Do you have concerns of a legal nature? Guardianship? Disputes with landlords? Unhealthy conditions in your housing? Legal rights for education?

5. Social supports
   - Most families have others who support the parents in caring for the children, such as supportive family or friends, religious or community connections. Who is that for you?
   - Do you feel you have enough support with the stress of raising your child (children)?
   - Could we assist you in finding supports in your community or online, such as parenting support groups?
   - Does your child have recreational programs, for instance?

I have asked a lot of questions. Now it is your turn to tell me anything I missed.