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Screening Question

Response To Question

Discharge referrals

Challenge
- Lack of privacy
- Abuser may be present
- Child’s presence, especially if older than 3

Project recommendations
- Improve privacy for family during screening question
- Change screening question to: “Do you feel safe in your current relationship?”
- Consider asking adding an additional screening question: “Is there a partner from a previous relationship who is making you feel unsafe now?”

Overall Medical Center Data

Overall ED Data

Data for Positive Safety Screening

Screening Responses