Risk Reduction for Early Marriage
Checklist

Social & Emotional Health
☐ Discuss any fears and concerns on becoming a wife.
☐ Find out if she will have to wait a period after the wedding to meet with us.
☐ Schedule a home visit for as soon as possible after the wedding to assess the home and well-being.

Education
☐ Review long-term and short-term education goals.
☐ Plan for continuing education after the marriage.
  - Meet with advisor/guidance counselor and pertinent teachers to create a plan for any absences due to the wedding.
☐ Decide on a safe and quiet place and time to do homework.
☐ Discuss alternative schooling options, if applicable

Employment
☐ Discuss expectations for work when married.
☐ Work on job search skills (e.g. completing a job application, approaching potential employers, interviewing, etc.)
☐ Complete a resume.

Financial Literacy & Budgeting
☐ Open a bank account in her name
☐ Apartment leases
☐ Discuss how she is expected to handle any money she makes.
☐ Find out who she is responsible for financially and discuss how the responsibility may change with marriage.
☐ Financial & banking literacy
  - Teach her how to use a checking account
- Teach her how to use a debit card
- Discuss payroll deductions for saving.
- Discuss the use of credit.
- Discuss tax responsibilities.

**Sexual and Reproductive Health**
- Schedule and accompany to adolescent reproductive and sexual health clinic appointment
- Discuss plan for delaying having children
- Review contraceptive options
- Discuss child spacing

**Documentation**
- Marriage certificate
- Green card
- Passport
- Social Security Card
- Birth certificates (self)
- Birth certificate (children)
- Husband’s social security number