

16 Safety Threats

<p>1) Family situation results in no adult in the home performing parenting duties/responsibilities that assure child's safety.</p>	<p>2) Caregivers' behavior is violent and/or they are behaving dangerously.</p>	<p>3) Caregivers' behavior is impulsive or they will not/cannot control their behavior</p>	<p>4) Caregivers' perceptions of a child are <u>extremely</u> negative.</p>
<p>5) A family situation or behavior exists so that the family does not have or use resources necessary to assure child's safety.</p>	<p>6) Caregivers' attitudes, emotions, behavior are such that they are threatening to severely harm a child or are fearful they will maltreat the child and/or request placement.</p>	<p>7) Caregivers' attitudes or emotions are such that they intend(ed) to seriously hurt the child.</p>	<p>8) A situation, attitudes and behavior exist so that caregivers' lack parenting knowledge, skills, and motivation necessary to assure child's safety.</p>
<p>9) Caregivers' attitudes and behavior result in overtly rejecting CPS intervention, refusing access to child, or some indication that the caregivers will flee.</p>	<p>10) Caregiver attitude, behavior, perception result in the refusal and/or failure to meet a child's exceptional needs that affect his/her safety.</p>	<p>11) The family situation is that living arrangements seriously endanger the child's physical health.</p>	<p>12) The situation is that a child has serious physical injuries or serious physical symptoms from maltreatment.</p>
<p>13) The situation is that a child shows serious emotional symptoms and/or lacks behavioral control that results in provoking dangerous reactions in caregivers.</p>	<p>14) The situation is that a child is fearful of the home situation or people within the home.</p>	<p>15) Because of perception, attitude or emotion, caregivers cannot/will not/do not explain a child's injuries or threatening family conditions</p>	<p>16) One or both parents or caregivers has a child out of his/her care due to child abuse or neglect, or has lost a child due to termination of parental rights.</p>

Safety Threshold Criteria

A family condition is out-of-control.

**A family condition is likely to result in a
severe effect.**

**The severe effect is imminent: reasonably
could happen in proximate time –
soon.**

There is a vulnerable child.

Conditions for Return = One or more In-home criteria that was not met that resulted in an Out of home Plan + (Parental willingness & sustainability)

- There is a home like setting where the parent(s) and child(ren) live?
- The home is calm enough to allow safety service providers and activities to occur?
- Willingness to cooperate is assessed based on 1) adjustments or shifts in attitude or behavior that were the reasons that the parent was not willing to agree to an in home plan initially and /or 2) other indicators of beginning awareness that some family conditions must be different or 3) willingness to adjust the home environment to control the threat.
- The necessary and sustainable safety activities
- and resources are available to implement the safety plan for as long as necessary.

Handout #6

Stage 3: Protective Capacity Assessment

(Stage 1 – Preparation Stage, Stage 2 – Introductory Stage, Stage 3 – Exploration Stage, Stage 4 – Change Strategy/Case Planning)

Exploration Stage: Explore with Parents what Must Change

To identify and discuss with caregivers what must change with respect to diminished caregiver protective capacities associated with impending danger threats and to determine what caregivers are willing to work on in treatments.

<u>Overview of Exploration</u>	<u>Existing Caregiver Protective Capacities</u>	<u>Diminished Caregiver Protective Capacities</u>	<u>Determining What Must Change</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Case Status <input type="checkbox"/> Review and clarify purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver perception <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Address safety management issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Discuss areas of effective parenting. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss areas of child needs and how parent is meeting needs <input type="checkbox"/> Consider difference or fluctuation in caregiver performance <input type="checkbox"/> Consider how existing caregiver protective capacities can be used to promote change	<input type="checkbox"/> Broad discussion of any areas of concern related to adult/parent functioning <input type="checkbox"/> Consider relationship between specific diminished caregiver protective capacities and impending danger <input type="checkbox"/> Create discrepancies and raise caregiver self-awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Seek mutuality <input type="checkbox"/> Reinforce self-determination	<input type="checkbox"/> Summarize diminished caregiver protective capacities associated with impending danger <input type="checkbox"/> Identify areas of agreement and disagreement <input type="checkbox"/> Seek willingness to continue participation