



Safety Planning and Conditions for Return: Partnering for Safety

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Topics

**Safety Threat
Concepts**

**Type of Safety
Plans**

The Safety Plan

**Safety, Services,
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Safety Threat Concepts

Six Domains of Family Functioning

Child
Functioning



Disciplinary
Practices

Adult
Functioning



Extent of the
Maltreatment

Parenting
Practices



Circumstances
of the
Maltreatment

Six Domains ➡

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Safety Threat Concepts

Safety Threats

1. The family *situation* is such that no adult in the home is routinely performing parenting duties and responsibilities that assure child safety.
2. One or both parents' or caregivers' *behavior* is violent and/or they are acting (*behaving*) dangerously.
3. One or both parents' or caregivers' *behavior* is impulsive or they will not/cannot control their *behavior*.
4. Parents' or Caregivers' *perceptions* of a child are extremely negative.
5. A family *situation* or *behavior* is such that the family does not have or use resources necessary to assure a child's safety.
6. One or both parents' or caregivers' *attitudes, emotions* and *behavior* are such that they are threatening to severely harm a child or are fearful they will abuse or neglect the child and/or request placement.
7. One or both parents' or caregivers' *attitudes* or *emotions* are such that they intend(ed) to seriously hurt the child.
8. A *situation, attitudes* and/or *behavior* is such that one or both parents or caregivers lack parenting knowledge, skills, and motivation necessary to assure a child's safety.

9. Parents' or Caregivers' *attitudes* and *behavior* result in overtly rejecting CPS intervention, refusing access to a child, and/or there is some indication that the caregivers will flee.
10. Parents' or Caregivers' *attitude, behavior, perception* result in the refusal and/or failure to meet a child's exceptional needs that affect his/her safety.
11. The family *situation* is such that living arrangements seriously endanger the child's physical health.
12. The *situation* is such that a child has serious physical injuries or serious physical symptoms from abuse or neglect.
13. The *situation* is such that a child shows serious emotional symptoms and/or lacks behavioral control that result in provoking dangerous reactions in parents or caregivers.
14. The *situation* is such that a child is fearful of the home situation or people within the home.
15. Because of *perception, attitude* or *emotion*, parents or caregivers cannot, will not or do not explain a child's injuries or threatening family conditions.
16. One or both parents or caregivers has a child out of his/her care due to child abuse or neglect or has a lost a child due to termination of parental rights.

Six Domains ➡ Safety Threats ➡

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Safety Threat Concepts

Safety Threshold Criteria



Observable
Can be clearly identified, defined and articulated



Severe
Likely to result in severe harm to the child



Vulnerable Child
Child is vulnerable to the threat



Out of Control
No adult in the home can prevent or stop the threat



Imminent
Likely to occur in the immediate to near future

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In-Home or Out-of-Home Plan

In-Home Criteria



Homelike Setting



Barriers



Willingness



Safety Providers And Services

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In-Home or Out-of-Home Plan

In-Home Criteria



Examples of “Home-Like Setting” MET:

- [Name] has maintained a home in which a safety plan can be maintained.
- [Name] has housing difficulties but there is evidence that they can maintain a place where a safety plan could be monitored.
- [Name] has a residence (e.g., home, trailer, apartment, hotel, shelter situation) that is stable enough to support the use of an in-home safety plan;
- [Name] is staying with [Name] but the situation is stable enough to use an in-home safety plan.

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Examples of “Home-Like Setting” NOT MET:

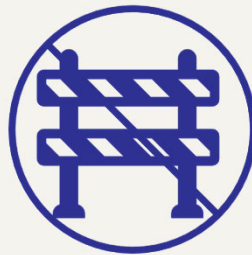
- [Name] has no stable home from which to implement a safety plan.
- The living situation is too unpredictable for a safety plan.
- The home is hazardous for the children.
- There is a known perpetrator of child abuse living in the home.

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In-Home Criteria



Examples of “Barriers” MET:

- While there may be active substance use, there are no barriers preventing safety services.
- The apparent crisis is situational and in-home safety services can address the crisis.
- Behavior and emotions are not aggravated or extreme and can be managed by in-home safety services.

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Examples of “Barriers” NOT MET:

- *[Name]*'s substance use is so out-of-control that no level of safety provider could maintain a child's safety in the home.
- There are people in the home preventing safety services from managing safety.
- *[Name]* is directly threatening to the child.
- Violence in the home is out-of-control and too dangerous for safety providers to manage.

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Examples of “Willingness” MET:

- *[Name]* agrees to and cooperates with an in-home safety plan.
- *[Name]* understands what is required and agrees to allow others into the home at the level required.
- *[Name]* avoids interfering with safety providers.
- *[Name]* is open to exploring in-home safety options.



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Examples of “Willingness” NOT MET:

- Despite verbally agreeing to the plan, there is reason to believe *[Name]* would not follow the necessary requirements.
- *[Name]* does not accept the requirements of an in-home safety plan. *[Name]* will not agree to allow safety providers access to the home when necessary.
- *[Name]* limits or refuses access to the home.



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Examples of “Safety Providers” MET:

- Safety providers are available and understand what must be managed to assure child safety.
- There is confidence that safety providers are open and understand their role in an in-home safety plan.
- There is confidence that safety providers will be committed to assisting with an in-home safety plan.
- Safety services are immediately available and accessible in time and proximity.



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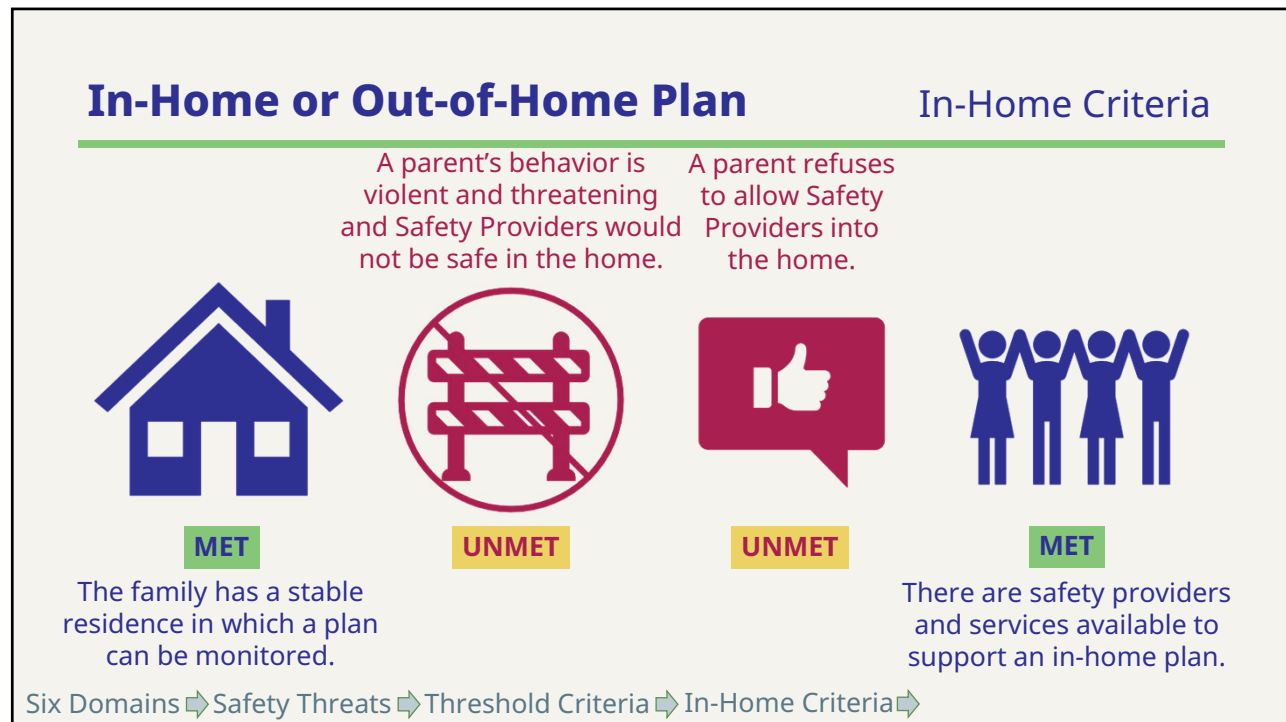
Examples of “Safety Providers” NOT MET:

- There are not enough safety providers or resources available at the level and/or times necessary to monitor safety.
- Safety providers or services are not available at the times necessary to control and manage the danger.

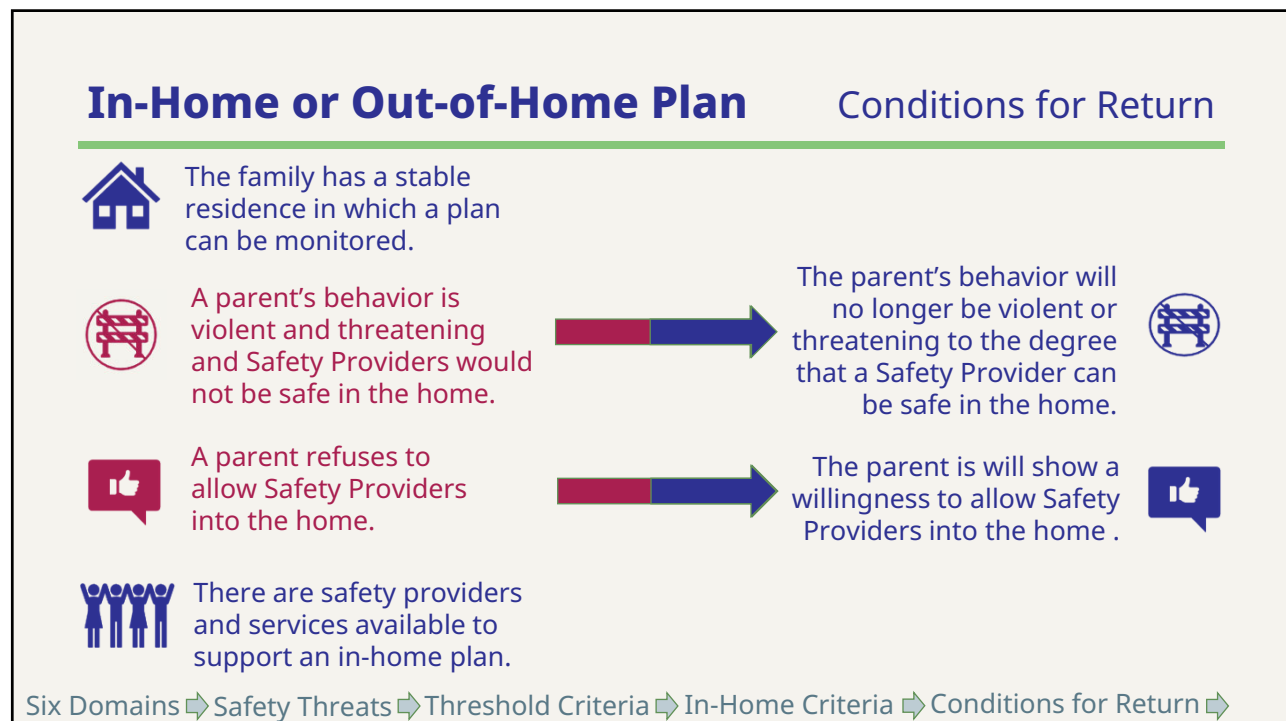


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Safety Plans

Safety Planning

Intent:

Manage a child's safety while the parent/caregiver works to resolve the threatening family condition

Purpose:

To document the set of actions or interventions that manage a child's safety

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Safety Plans

Safety Planning

ODHS | Oregon Department of Human Services
Safety Program

Case number: _____
Case name: _____
Worker: _____
Worker phone: _____

Safety Plan
☐ Initial safety plan ☐ On-going safety plan
 The purpose of this plan is to ensure the safety of _____
 Date of Family Engagement Meeting: _____ Date of ongoing safety plan modification: _____
Safety threat(s): _____

Safety Plan:
Plan to manage safety threats, including how the plan will be monitored.

No promises

- Parent will not drink any alcohol.
- Parent will ensure the child is not having contact with [Name].
- Parent agrees to not be in the home.
- Parent will contact ODHS if [Name] shows up.
- Parent agrees to not use any physical discipline.
- Parent agrees to not use fentanyl around the child.

Safety service providers:

Name:	Safety service:	Frequency:

Distribution: Original – Case file, Copies – Parents and Safety Service Providers

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Safety Planning

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CHILD WELFARE
Safety Program

Case number: _____
Case name: _____
Worker: _____
Worker phone: _____

Safety Plan

☐ Initial safety plan ☐ On-going safety plan

The purpose of this plan is to ensure the safety of _____ by managing the safety threats within the family.

Date of Family Engagement Meeting: _____ Date of ongoing safety plan modification: _____

Safety threat(s):

Safety Plan:
Plan to manage safety threats, including how the plan will be monitored:

Safety service providers:

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In-home safety plan criteria:
How are the in-home safety plan criteria met or if child(ren) are out of home, how are the criteria not met:

Conditions for return:
If child(ren) are out of home, the following must be met in order for child(ren) to be safely returned to an in-home safety plan:

Printed name:	Signature:	Date signed:	Role:

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Safety Plan

Safety Plan Review

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30 days

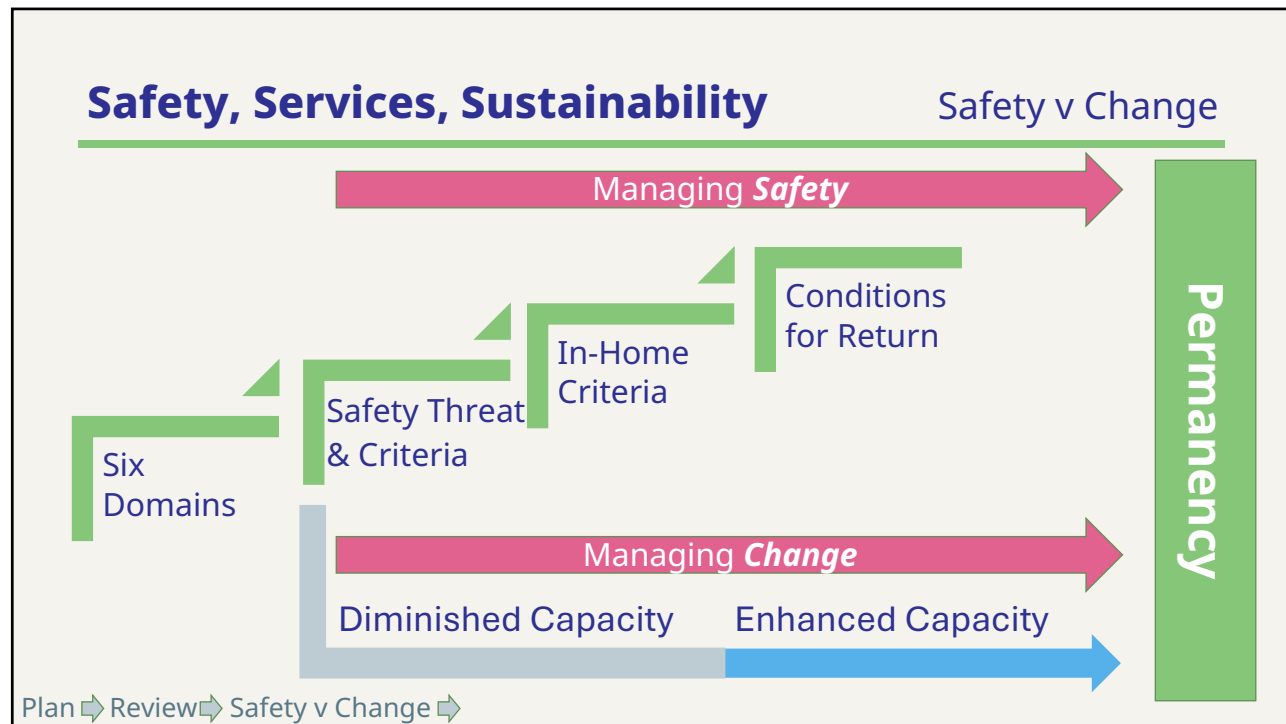
Are the threshold criteria still met?

Is safety being managed?

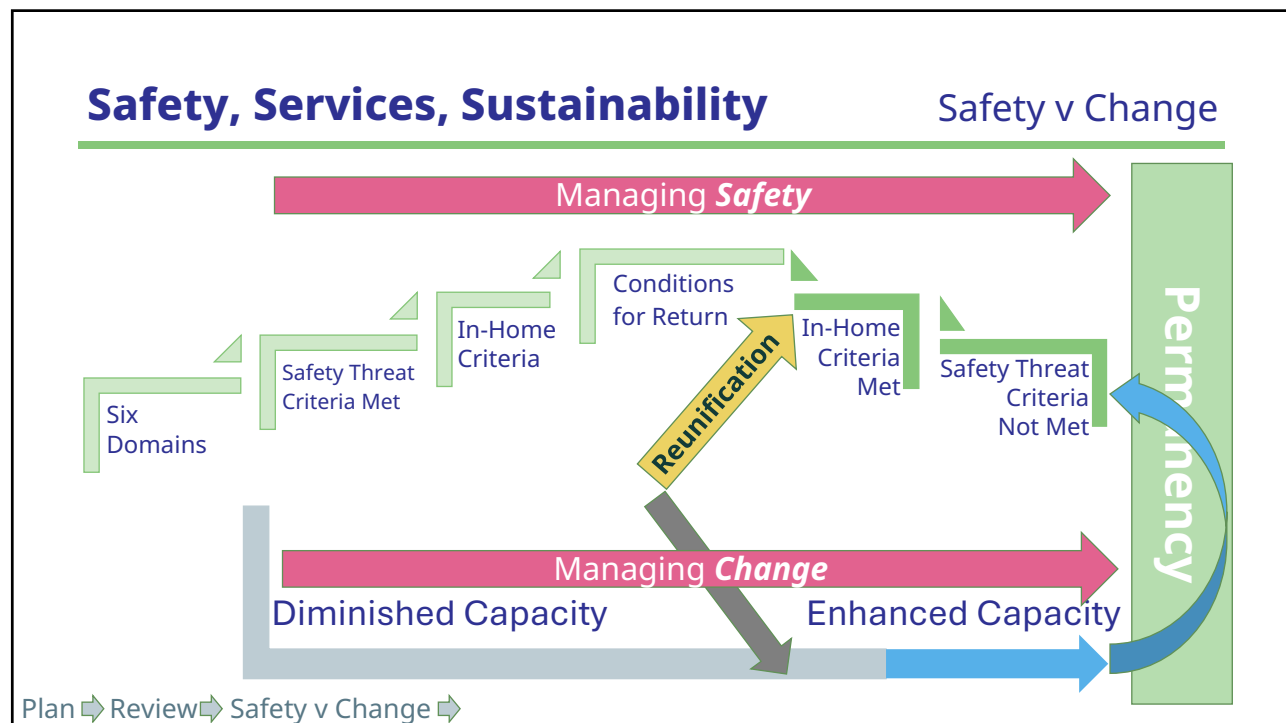
Are the conditions for return met?

Plan ➡ Review ➡

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