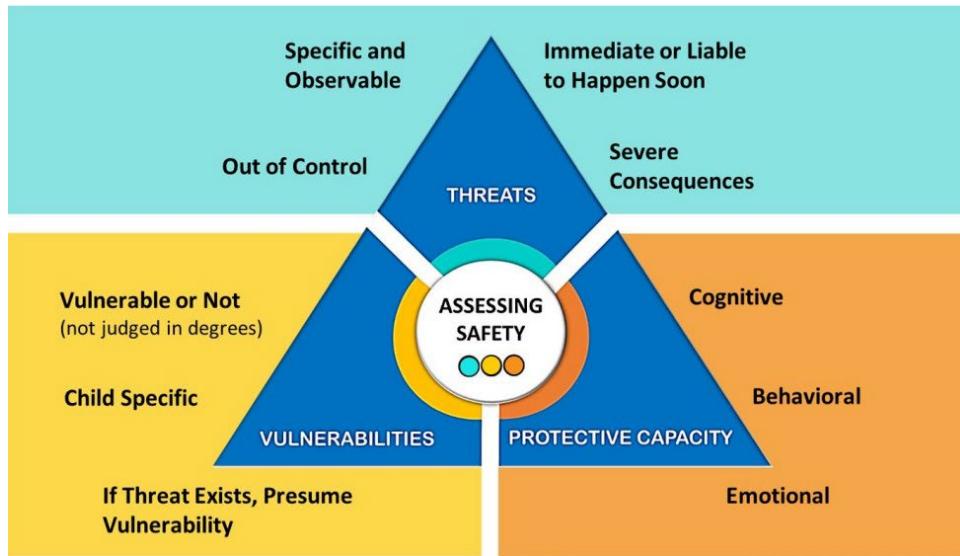


## February 2026 Safety Framework Spotlight

### Subject: Using the Triangle to Identify What You Don't Know

Welcome to February's Safety Framework Spotlight! This month we focus on using the blue triangle to help identify what additional information is needed to assess safety.



As you look at the blue triangle, ask yourself: Do I know if the threat identified is immediate or liable to happen soon? Are the possible consequences of the threat identified severe? Do I know enough about each child to assess their individual vulnerability to the threat? What more could I ask to learn about the child's development, medical needs, and emotional resilience? Could I gather more information about the parents and their cognitive understanding of the threat? Or whether one or both parents have taken steps to address the threat or protect the child from it?

Assessing safety is challenging even when a family's dynamics are well understood. When parties lack critical details, assuring safety often requires more intensive safety services, supervision, and interventions. Asking questions using the blue safety triangle can help parties work together to gather information to create safety plans effective and least intrusive.

Finally, remember that safety assessments and plans are perishable so keep asking questions and reassessing safety throughout the case, especially as you see parents and children change (e.g. development of recovery skills, mental health decompensation, the emergence of a new safety threat).

We invite you to share how the safety framework has helped you identify information that supported safety planning.

**Coming Up:**

Join our statewide **Community of Practice**: [Registration is open](#) and the [flyer is attached](#).

**Additional Resources:**

Explore more resources on the [JCIP Safety Framework website](#), including CLE training, worksheets, and pdfs of materials including the monthly Spotlight.

[Download the high-resolution PDF](#) (attached) for your desk, case files, or travel bag.

Need a **Blue Triangle mousepad**? Email [justine.kilsby@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:justine.kilsby@ojd.state.or.us).

Want more? Watch this [6-minute video](#) from Washington State that provides an overview of the blue triangle.

Thank you for your commitment to integrating the Safety Framework into your practice!

Sincerely,

Oregon Judicial Department's JCIP Team