Assessment of Impending Danger and Caregiver Protective Capacities

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Module: Objectives

- Defend and compare the concepts of safe and unsafe.
- Illustrate and justify the application of the danger threshold.
- Evaluate family conditions as danger threats utilizing the danger threshold.
- Assess and justify the identification of danger threats at impending danger through case application.

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Safe

- **Safe:** A child can be considered safe when there is no threat of danger to a child within the family/home or when the caregiver protective capacities within the home can manage threats of danger.
- **Unsafe:** A child is unsafe when there is a danger threat to a child within a family/home and the caregiver protective capacities within the home are insufficient to manage the threat of danger, thus requiring outside intervention.
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**Definition of Impending Danger**

- A state of danger in which family behaviors, attitudes, moods, emotions and/or situations pose a threat which may not be currently active but can be anticipated to have severe effects on a child at any time.
- Commonly may not be obvious at the onset of CPS intervention or occurring in a present context but can be identified and understood upon more fully evaluating individual and family conditions and functioning.
- Child lives in a general state of danger within a family that requires safety intervention to prevent severe harm.

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**Qualifying the Danger Threshold Criteria**

What you must know about negative family conditions:

- **Duration:** How long?
- **Consistency:** How often?
- **Pervasiveness:** What is the extent?
- **Influence:** What stimulates behavior?
- **Effect:** What is the impact?
- **Continuance:** How likely?

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**How to Judge When a Family Condition is Impending Danger**

*Safety Threshold Criteria*
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**Differentiating Family Conditions: Danger Threshold Criteria**

- Observable
- Out of Control
- Severity
- Imminence
- Vulnerable Child

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**Qualifying the Danger Threshold**

What Must We Know?

- How long have family conditions been occurring? (Duration)
- How often do the family conditions happen? (Consistency)
- What is the extent of the family conditions? (Pervasiveness)
- What stimulates/contributes to the family conditions? (Influence)
- What is the impact on the family? (Impact)
- How likely is that family conditions will continue? (Continuance)

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**Identifying Family Conditions that Meet the Danger Threshold Criteria**

An Exercise
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Impending Danger Threats
Loose Handout

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Dutton-McAdams Family
Identifying Impending Danger Threats
An Exercise

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Module 2
Caregiver Protective Capacities

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Module 2-Objectives
- Define and discuss caregiver protective capacities.
- Interpret the significance of caregiver protective capacities to inform safety decision making.
- Illustrate the application of the concept of caregiver protective capacities.
- Analyze safety decision making utilizing the concepts of danger threats and caregiver protective capacities.

Caregiver Protective Capacities
Caregiver protective capacities are personal and caregiving behavioral, cognitive and emotional characteristics that specifically and directly can be associated with being protective of one's young. Caregiver protective capacities are personal qualities or characteristics that contribute to vigilant child protection.

Reference Handout
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**Behavioral Protective Capacity**

Specific action, activity, performance that is consistent with and results in parenting and protective vigilance.

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**Cognitive Protective Capacity**

Specific intellect, knowledge, understanding and perception that results in parenting and protective vigilance.

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**Emotional Protective Capacity**

Specific feelings, attitudes, identification with child and motivation that results in parenting and protective vigilance.
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Assessment of Caregiver Protective Capacities for The Dutton-McAdams Case

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