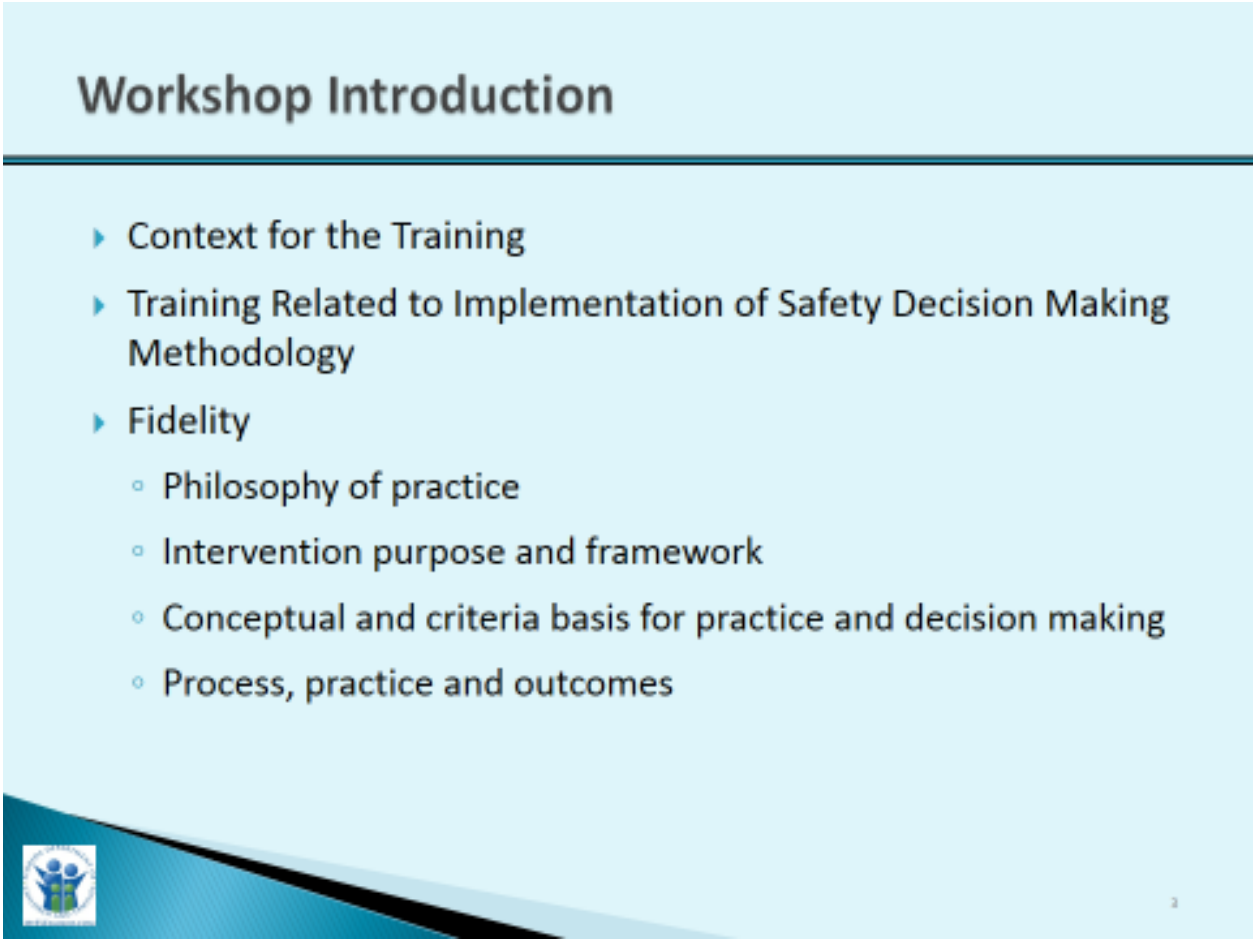
Safety Management and Safety Services


Workshop Introduction
Context for the Training
Training Related to Implementation of Safety Decision Making Methodology
Fidelity
Philosophy of practice
Intervention purpose and framework
Conceptual and criteria basis for practice and decision making
Process, practice and outcomes

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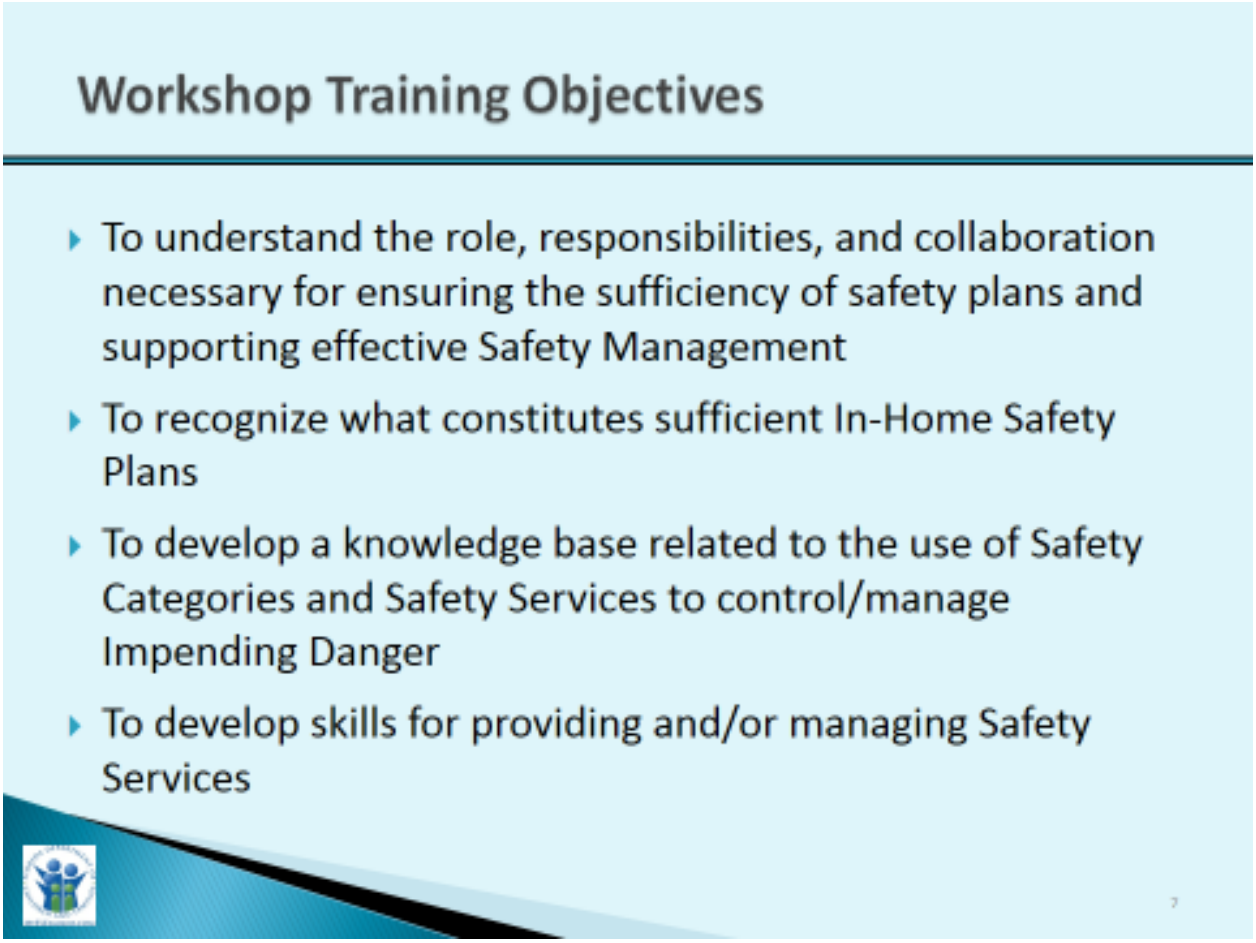
Workshop Training Objectives
To understand the role, responsibilities, and collaboration necessary for ensuring the sufficiency of safety plans and supporting effective Safety Management
To recognize what constitutes sufficient In-Home Safety Plans
To develop a knowledge base related to the use of Safety Categories and Safety Services to control/manage Impending Danger
To develop skills for providing and/or managing Safety Services

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Agenda

Safety Management and Safety Services

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Day 1 9:00-4:30

Introduction
- Objectives
- Agenda
- Pre-Test

Session 1
- Foundational Knowledge. Review of Methodology

Session 2
- Overview of Safety Management Roles and Responsibilities
  - The Role of Safety Management
  - Safety Management Practice Responsibilities
  - Characteristics of Effective Safety Management
  - Child Care Exercise

Lunch 11:30-12:30

Session 3
- Safety Categories/Objectives
  - Safety Services
  - Safety Categories and Associated Safety Services-In depth
  - Exercise-Identifying Safety Categories and Safety Services based on Impending Danger

- Wrap Up and Review

Day 2 9:00-4:30

Session 4 Modifying Safety Plans

Session 5 Evaluating Conditions for Return
Pulling it all together: Case Example

Lunch mid-way through Session 5 11:30-12:30

Session 6 Interpersonal Skills for Providing In-Home Safety Services

- Wrap Up and Review
  - Post Test
  - Training Evaluation

Baseline Knowledge Assessment

- Inform training and development
- Provide feedback to trainer
- Measure change

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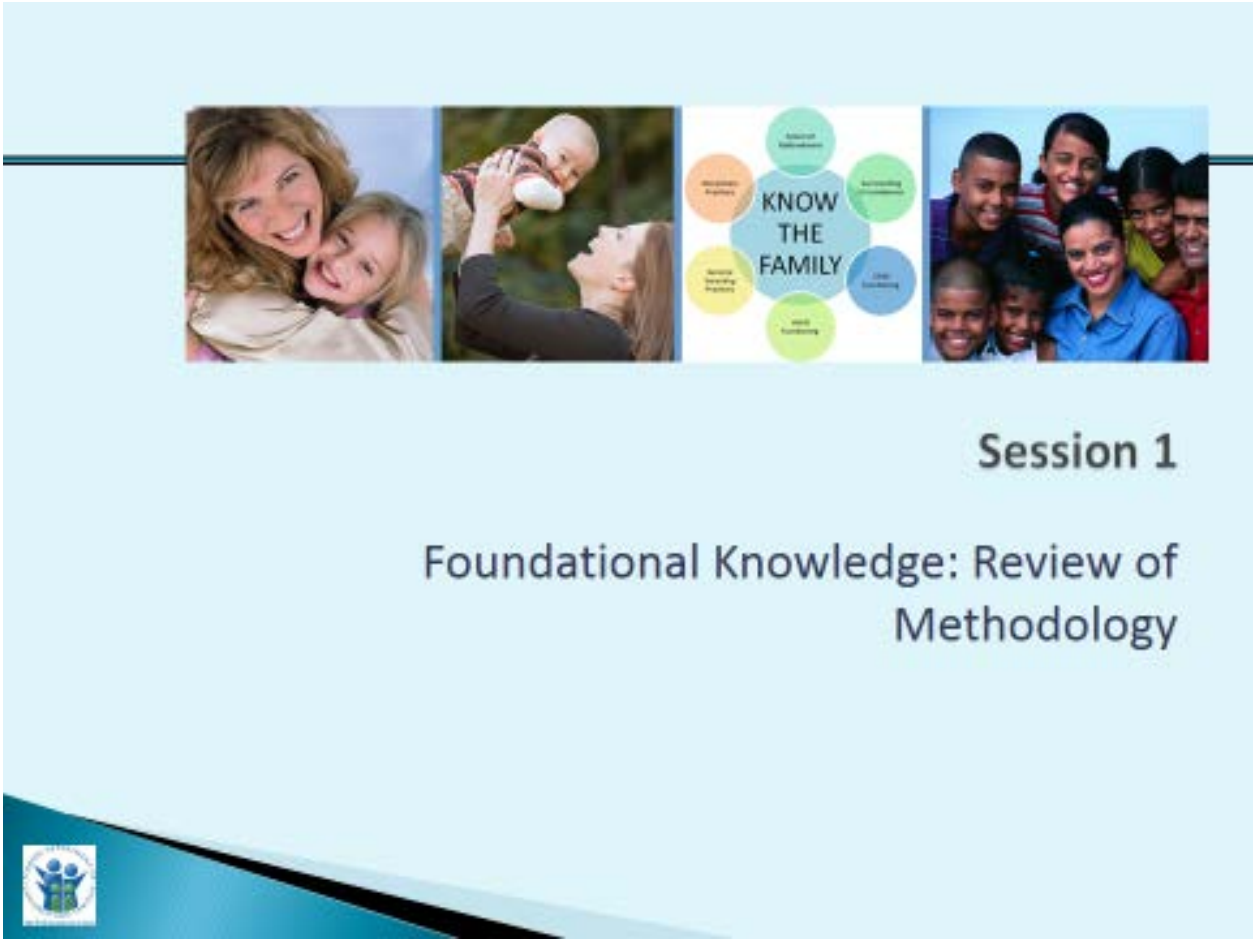
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Session 1
Foundational Knowledge: Review of Methodology

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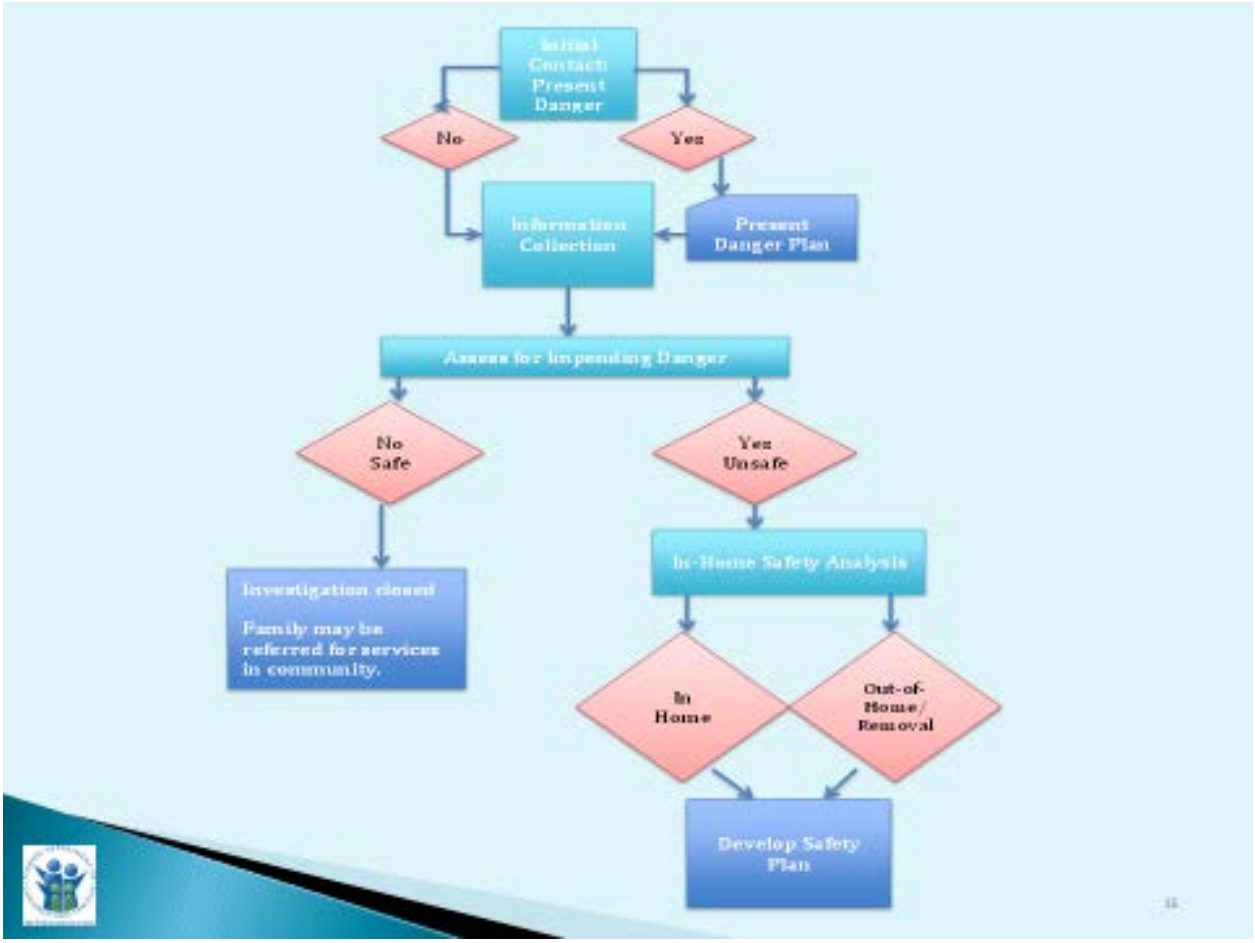

CPI Decision-Making Case Flow Chart


From Great Wall of China to the Panama Canal
Child Protection Investigator
• Safety
• Danger Threats
• Caregiver Protective Capacities
• Present and Impending Danger Safety Plans
Case Management
• Safety
• Danger Threats
• Caregiver Protective Capacities
• Present and Impending Danger Safety Plans
• Safety Management
• Case Plan/Treatment--Change

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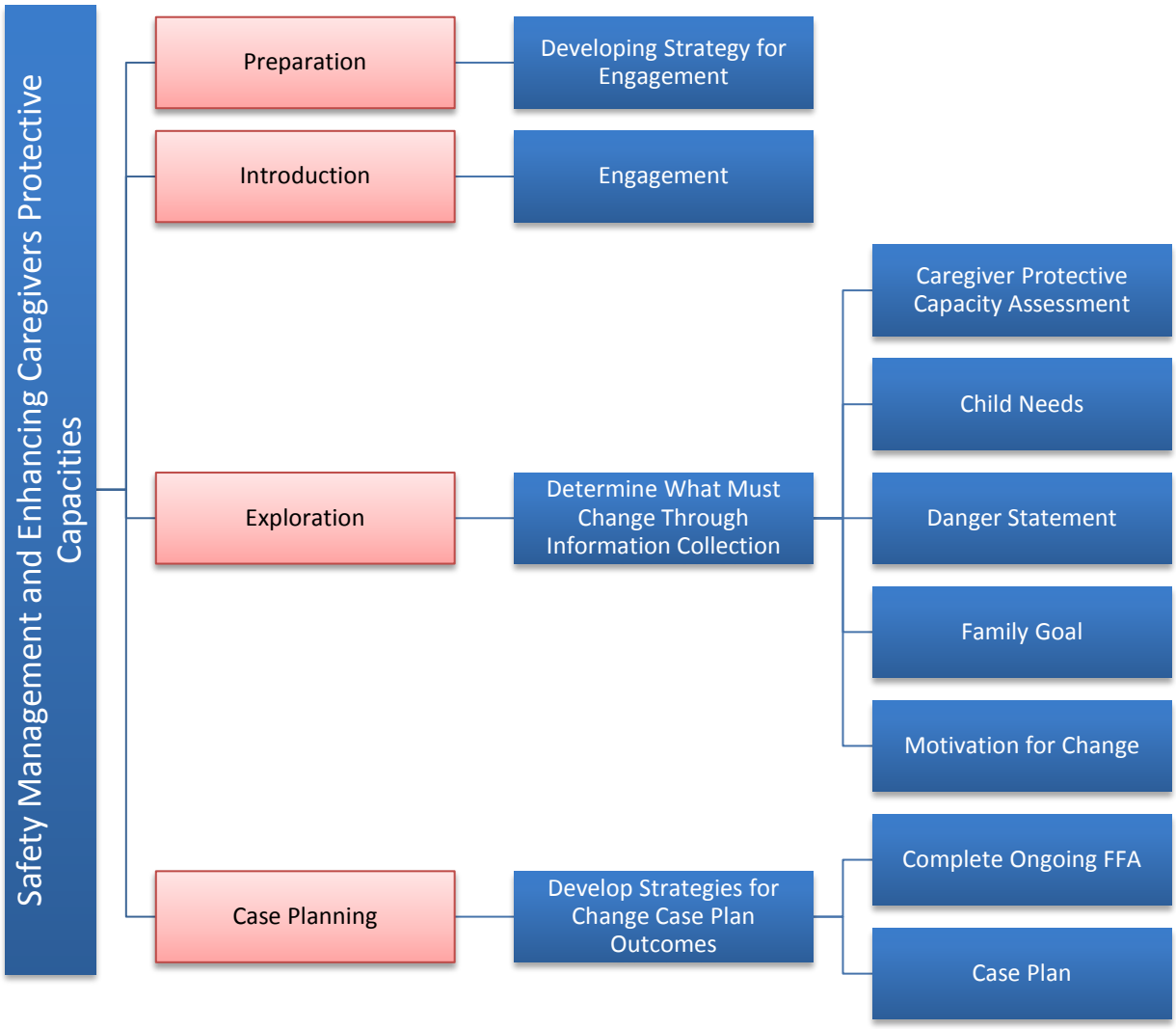
Ongoing Family Functioning Assessment Process



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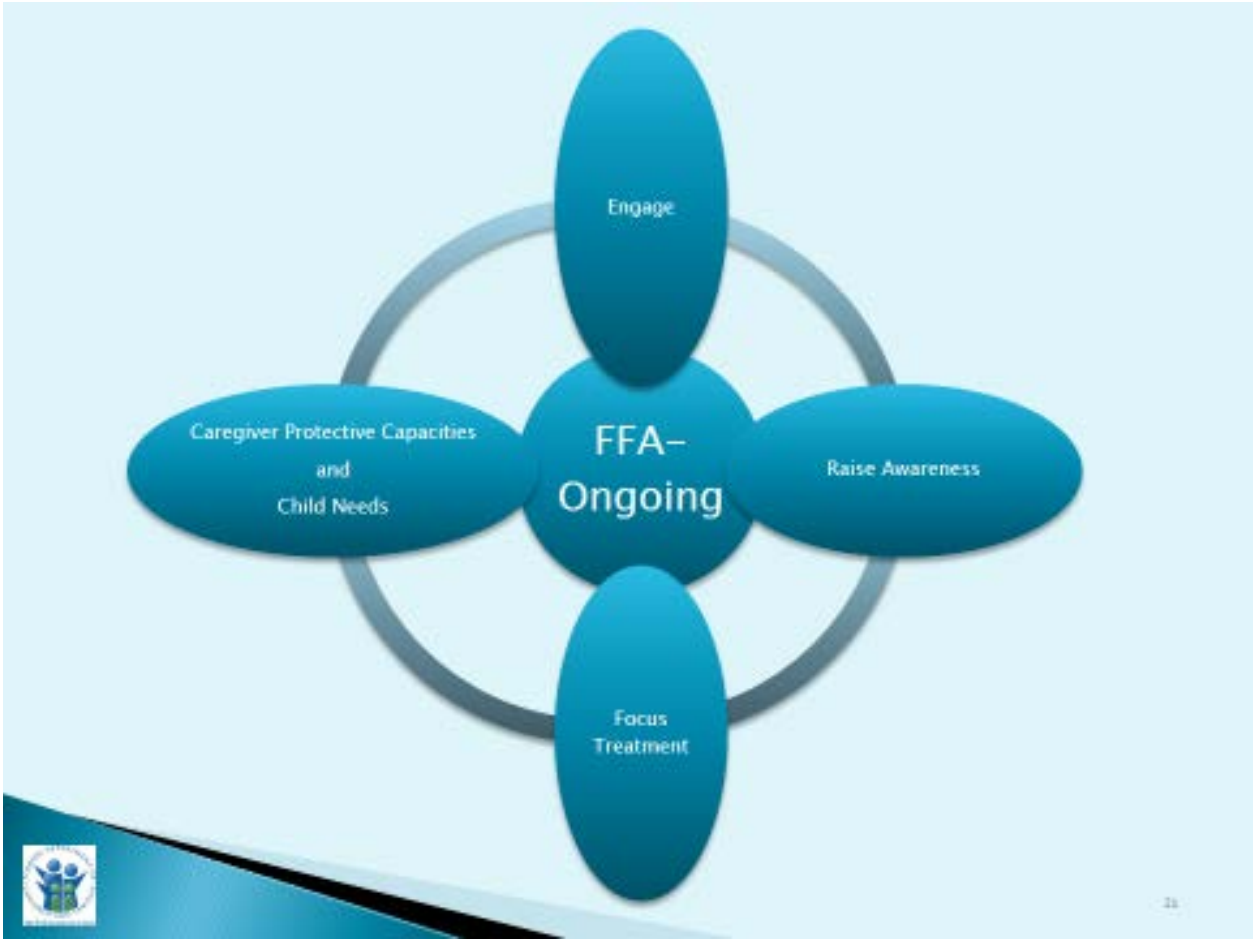
Engage
Caregiver Protective Capacities
and
Child Needs
FFA–
Ongoing
Raise Awareness
Focus
Treatment

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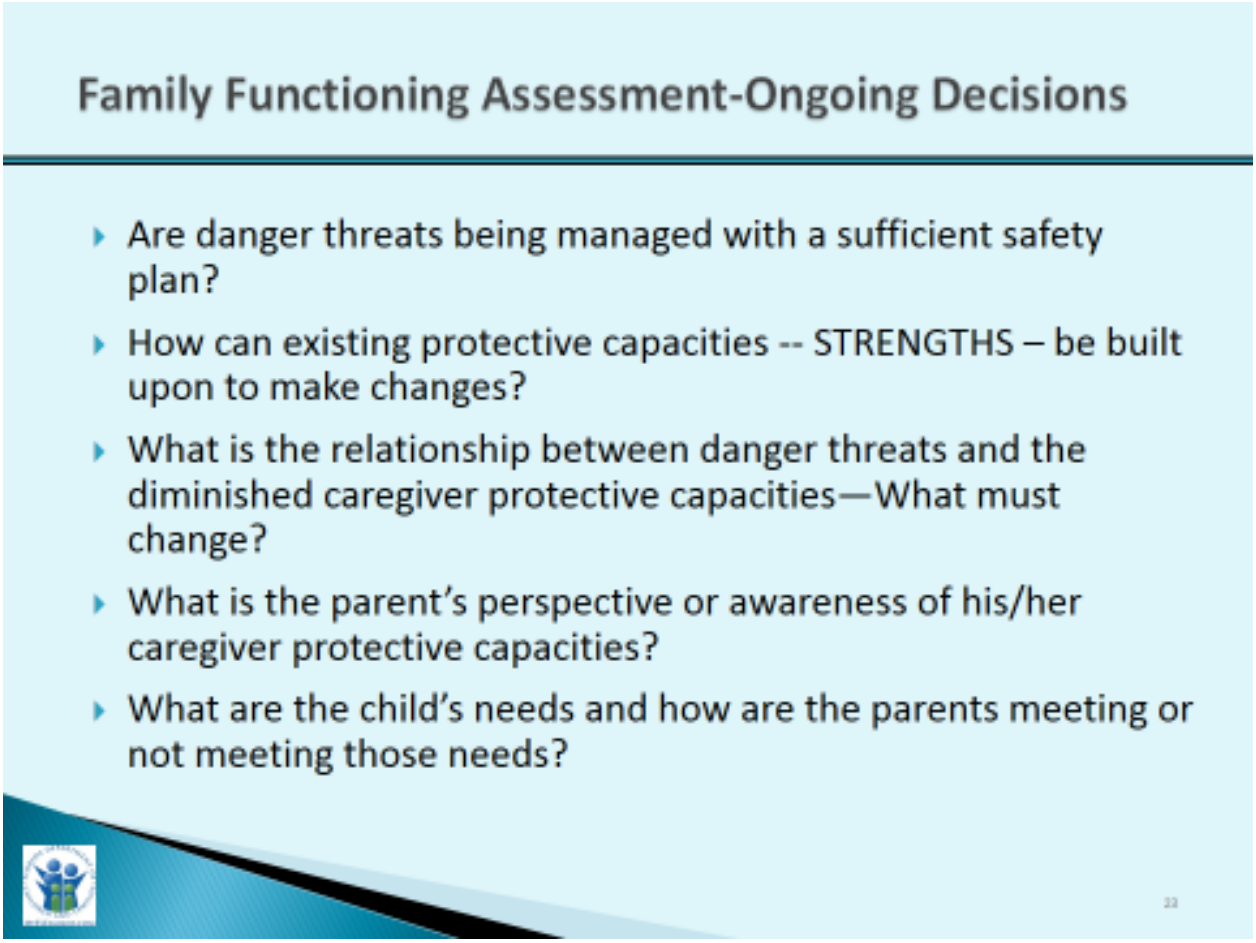
Family Functioning Assessment-Ongoing Decisions
Are danger threats being managed with a sufficient safety plan?
How can existing protective capacities -- STRENGTHS – be built upon to make changes?
What is the relationship between danger threats and the diminished caregiver protective capacities—What must change?
What is the parent's perspective or awareness of his/her caregiver protective capacities?
What are the child's needs and how are the parents meeting or not meeting those needs?

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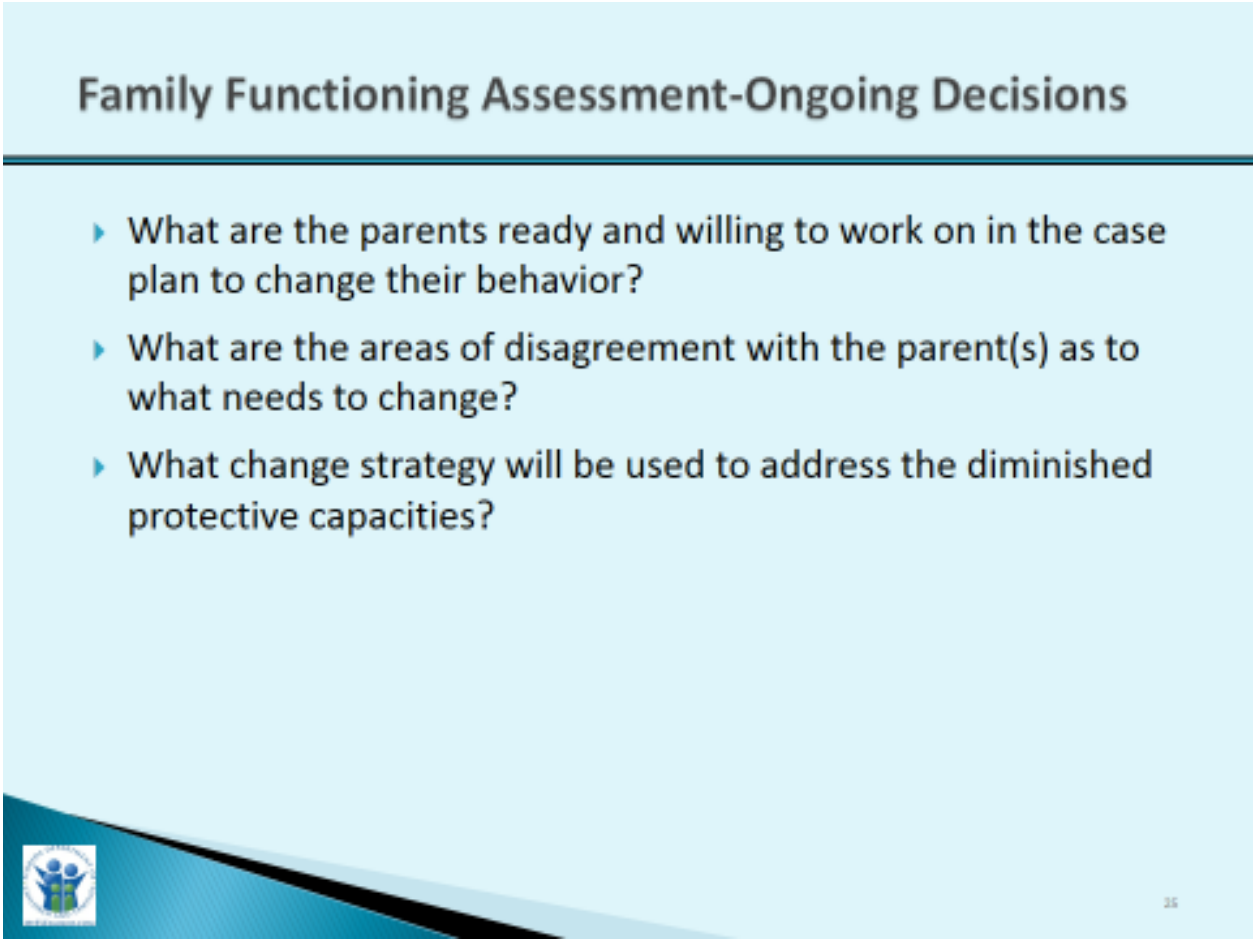
Family Functioning Assessment-Ongoing Decisions
What are the parents ready and willing to work on in the case plan to change their behavior?
What are the areas of disagreement with the parent(s) as to what needs to change?
What change strategy will be used to address the diminished protective capacities?

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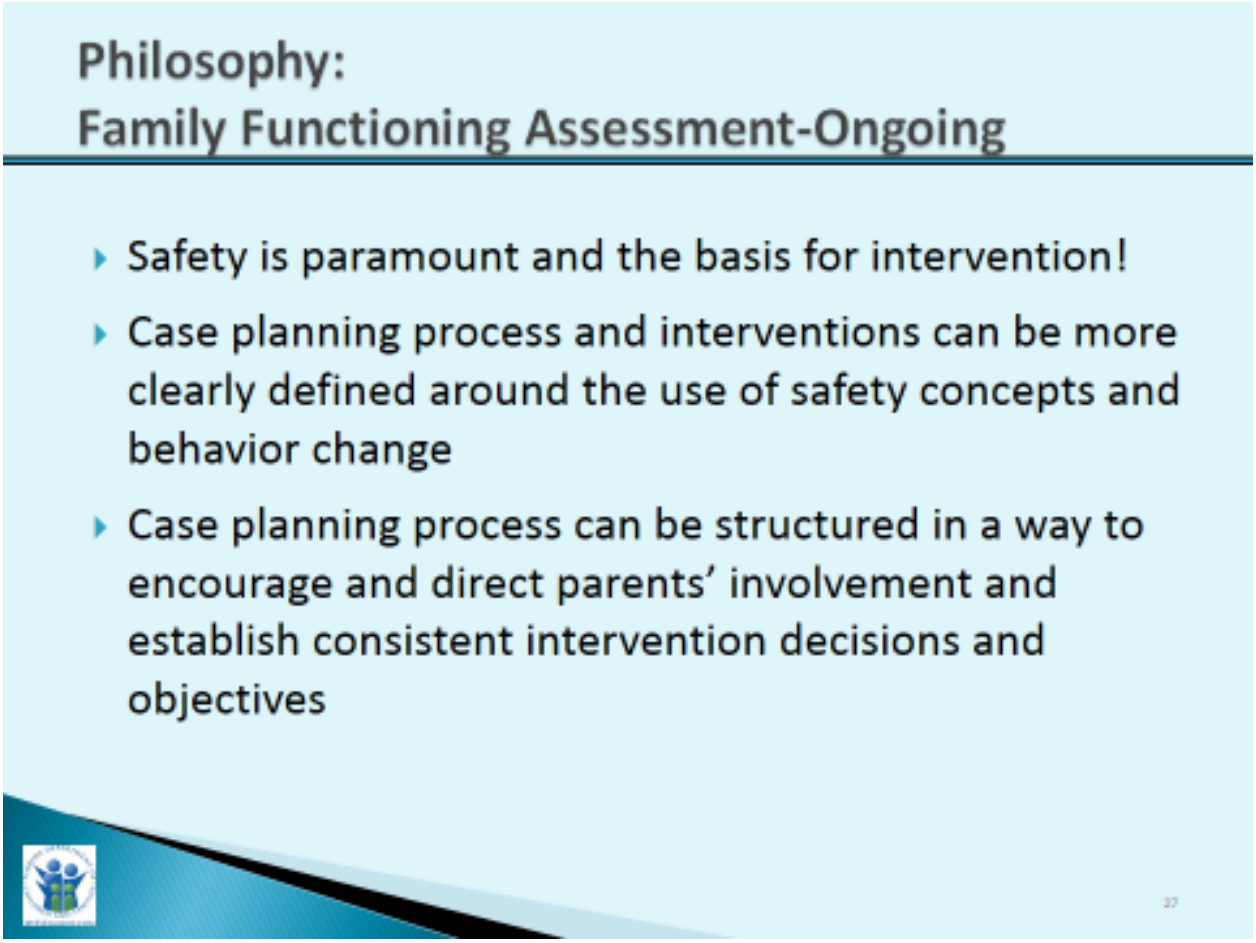
Philosophy:
Family Functioning Assessment-Ongoing
Safety is paramount and the basis for intervention!
Case planning process and interventions can be more clearly defined around the use of safety concepts and behavior change
Case planning process can be structured in a way to encourage and direct parents' involvement and establish consistent intervention decisions and objectives

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Essential Skills for Case Management

- Engagement
- Teaming
- Assessment/Understanding
- Planning
  - Safety Plan
  - Case Plan
- Tracking and Adapting
  - Safety Plan Sufficiency Evaluation & Update
  - Case Plan Progress Evaluation & Update

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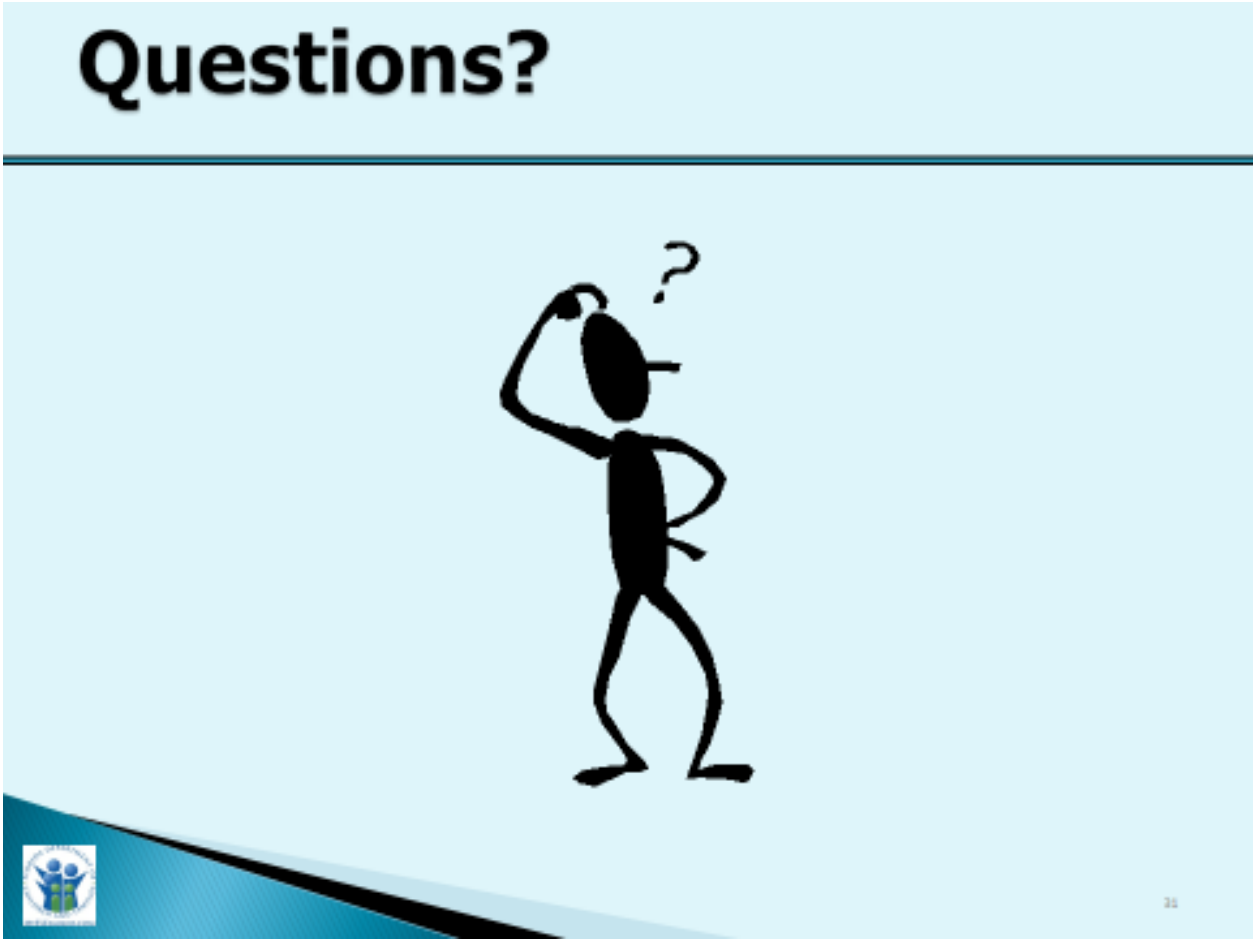

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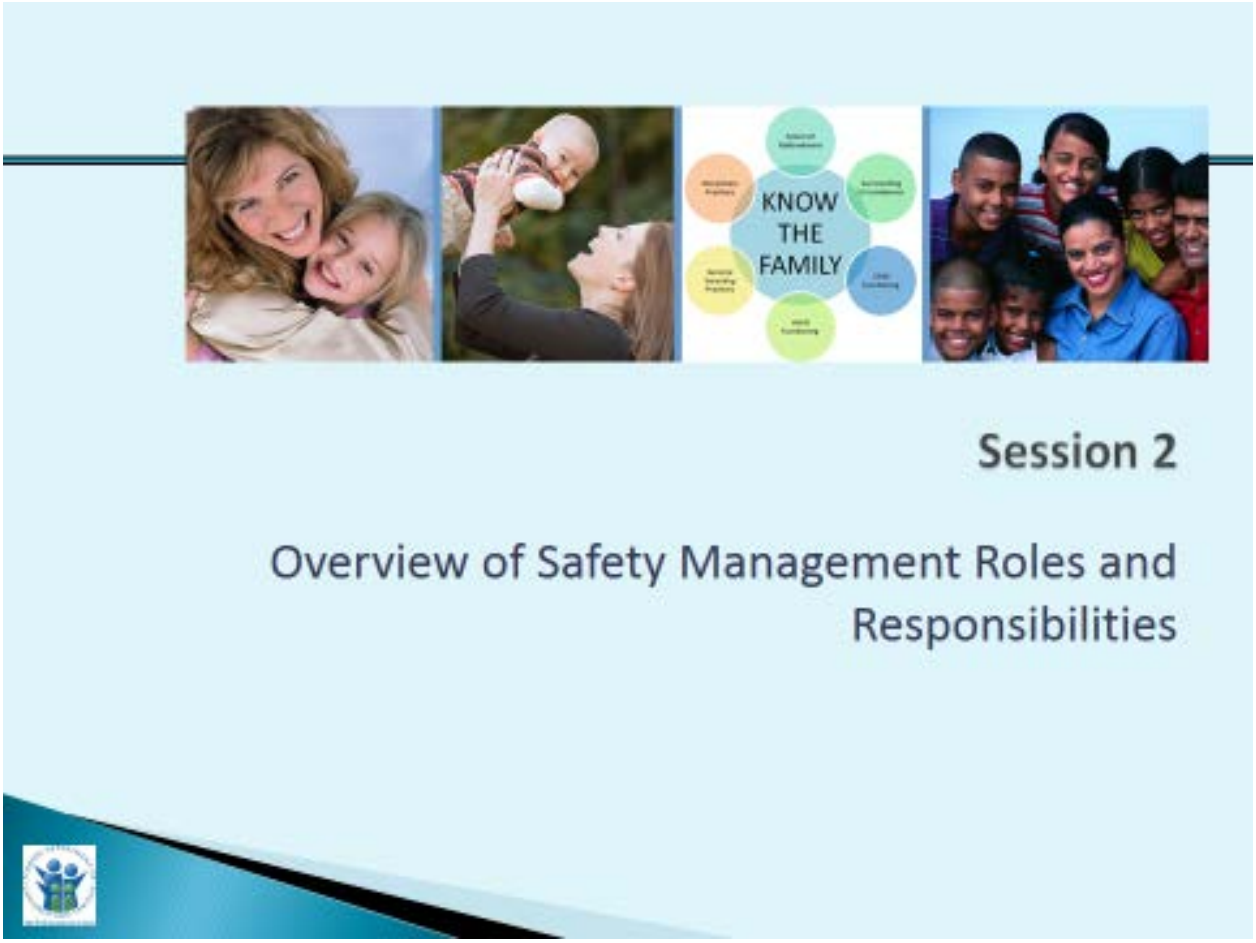
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Session 2
Overview of Safety Management Roles and Responsibilities

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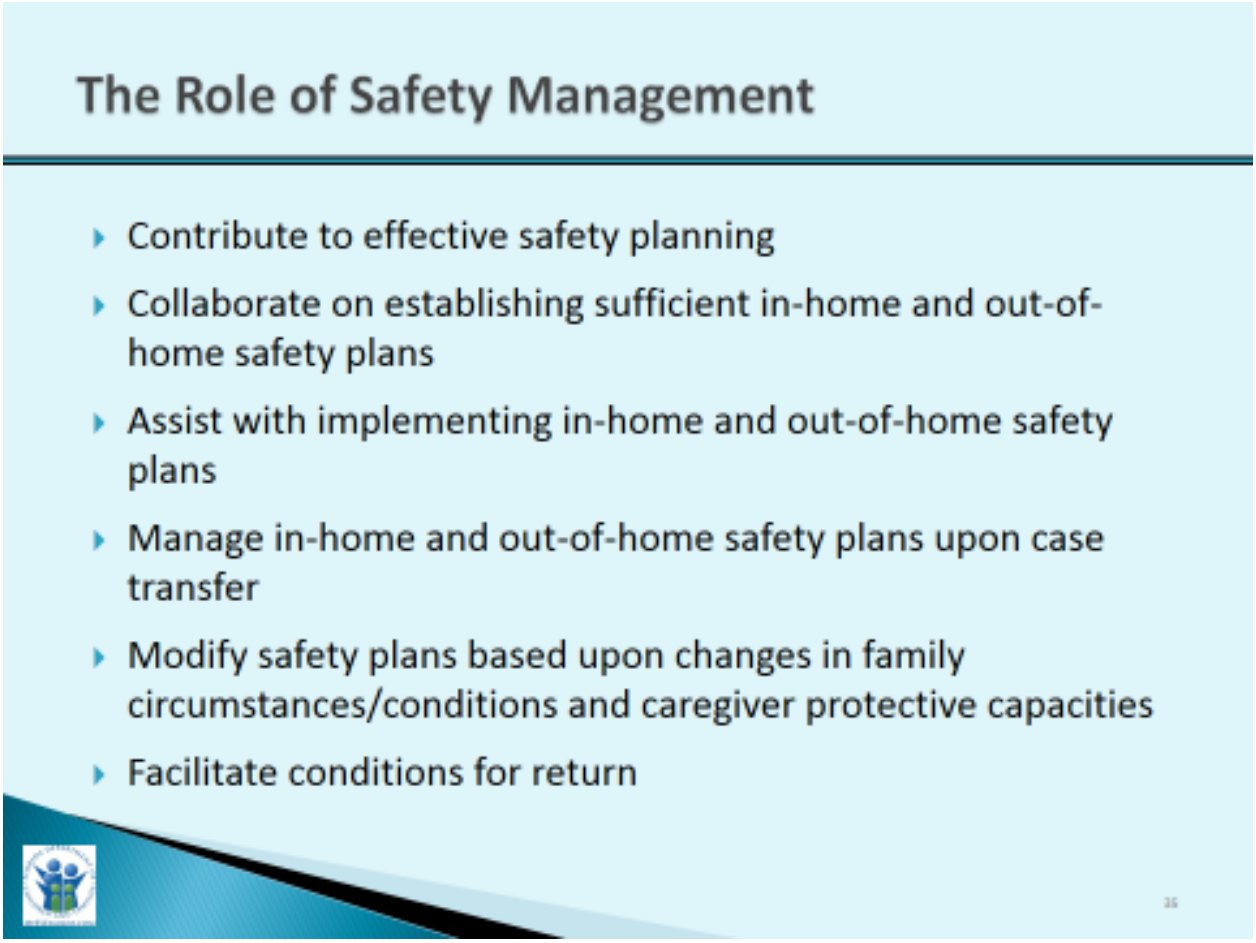
The Role of Safety Management
Contribute to effective safety planning
Collaborate on establishing sufficient in-home and out-of-home safety plans
Assist with implementing in-home and out-of-home safety plans
Manage in-home and out-of-home safety plans upon case transfer
Modify safety plans based upon changes in family circumstances/conditions and caregiver protective capacities
Facilitate conditions for return

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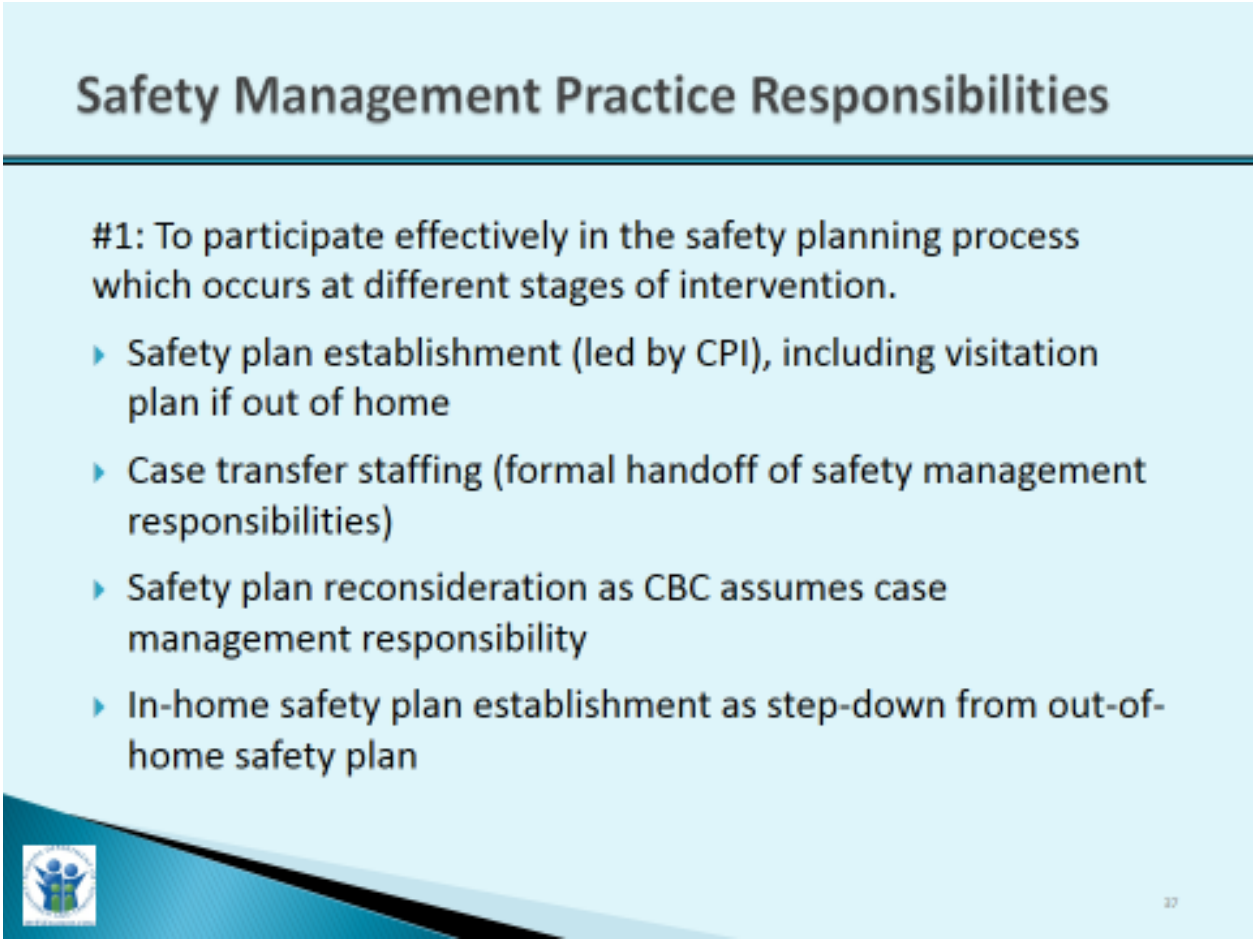
Safety Management Practice Responsibilities
#1: To participate effectively in the safety planning process which occurs at different stages of intervention.
Safety plan establishment (led by CPI), including visitation plan if out of home
Case transfer staffing (formal handoff of safety management responsibilities)
Safety plan reconsideration as CBC assumes case management responsibility
In-home safety plan establishment as step-down from out-of-home safety plan

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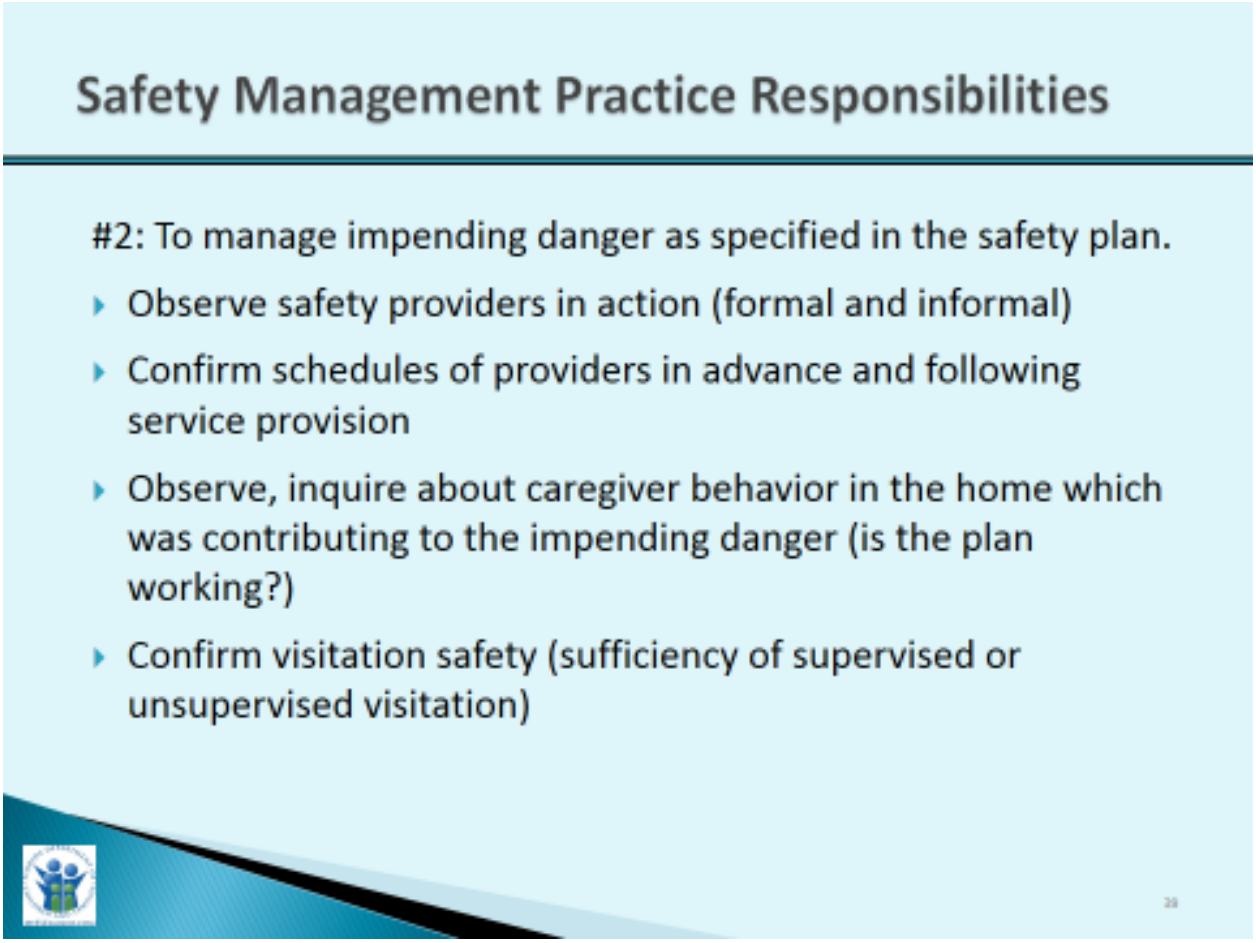
Safety Management Practice Responsibilities
#2: To manage impending danger as specified in the safety plan.
Observe safety providers in action (formal and informal)
Confirm schedules of providers in advance and following service provision
Observe, inquire about caregiver behavior in the home which was contributing to the impending danger (is the plan working?)
Confirm visitation safety (sufficiency of supervised or unsupervised visitation)

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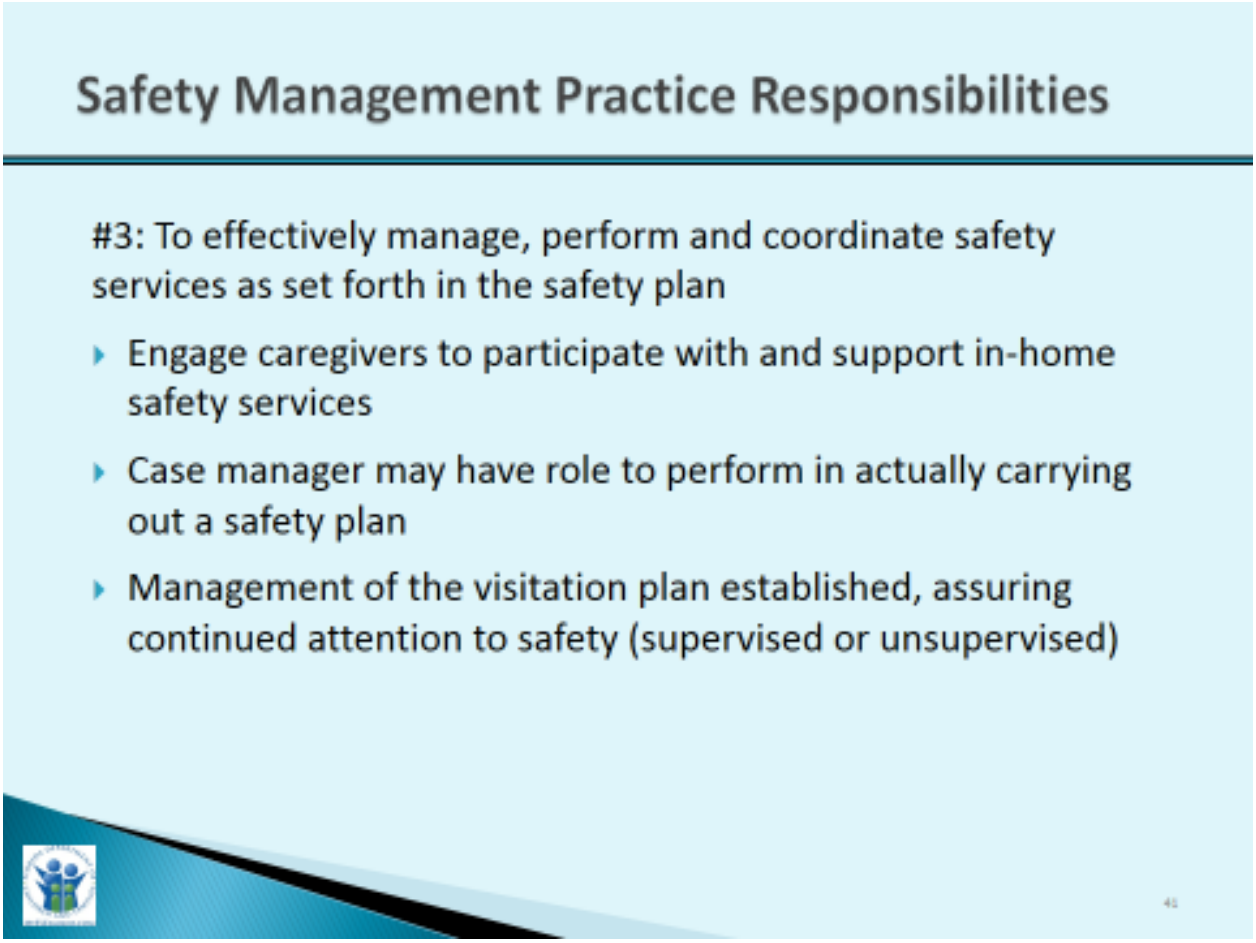
Safety Management Practice Responsibilities
#3: To effectively manage, perform and coordinate safety services as set forth in the safety plan
Engage caregivers to participate with and support in-home safety services
Case manager may have role to perform in actually carrying out a safety plan
Management of the visitation plan established, assuring continued attention to safety (supervised or unsupervised)

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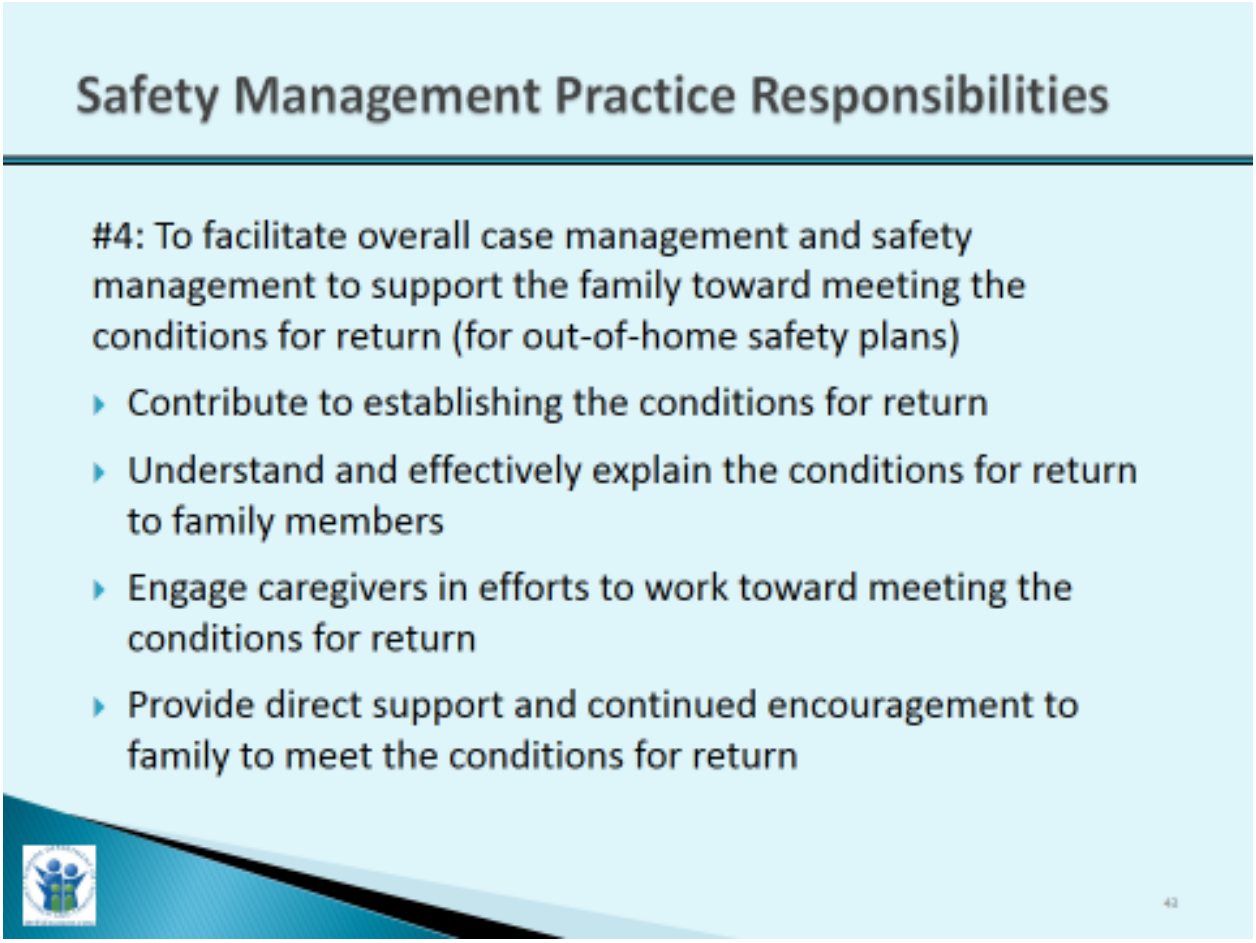
Safety Management Practice Responsibilities
#4: To facilitate overall case management and safety management to support the family toward meeting the conditions for return (for out-of-home safety plans)
Contribute to establishing the conditions for return
Understand and effectively explain the conditions for return to family members
Engage caregivers in efforts to work toward meeting the conditions for return
Provide direct support and continued encouragement to family to meet the conditions for return

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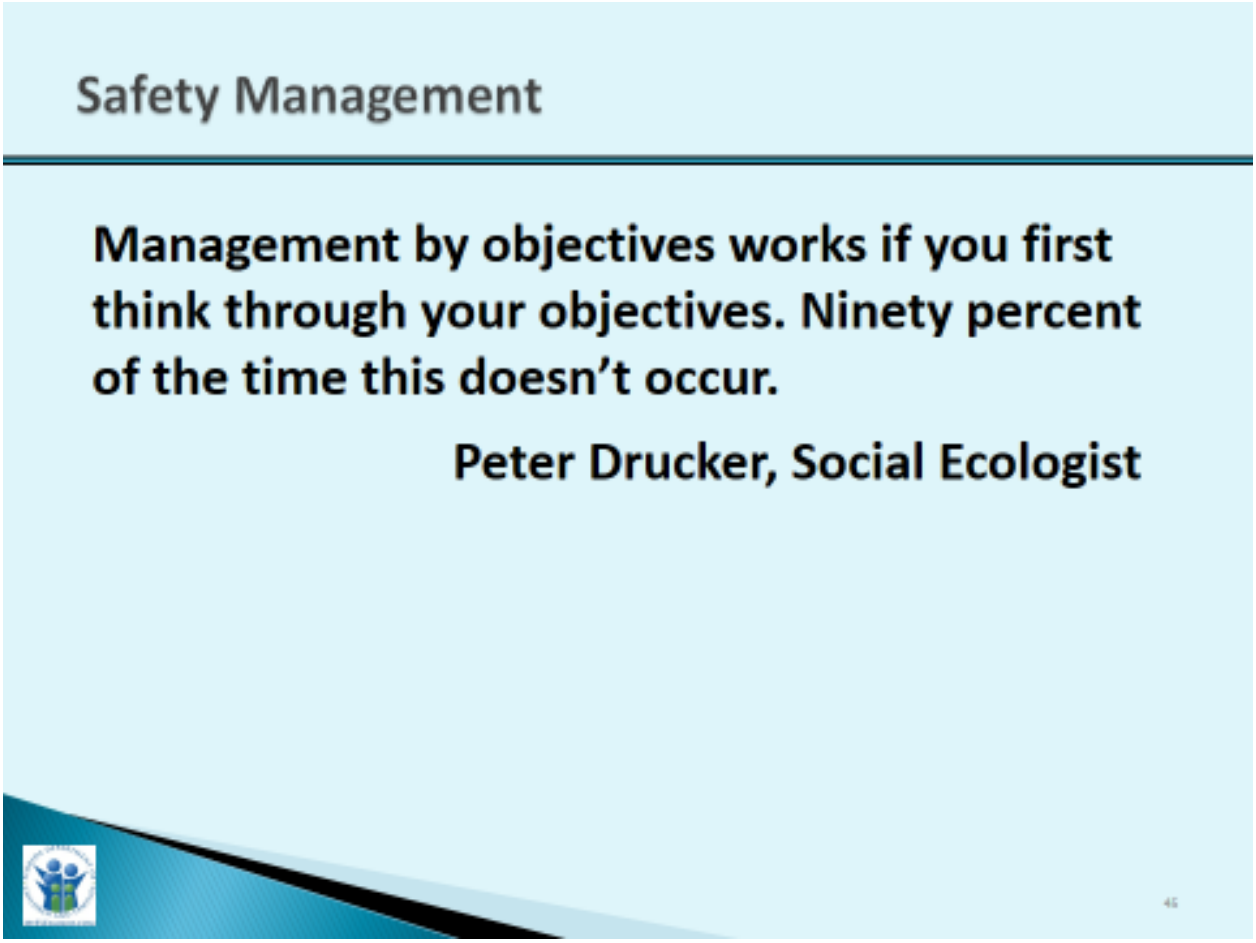
Safety Management
Management by objectives works if you first think through your objectives. Ninety percent of the time this doesn't occur.
Peter Drucker, Social Ecologist

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What is Effective Safety Management?
Controlling Intervention
Provisional/Conditional
Action oriented
Dynamic
Organized
Proactive
Directed
Regulated

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Florida's Service Array

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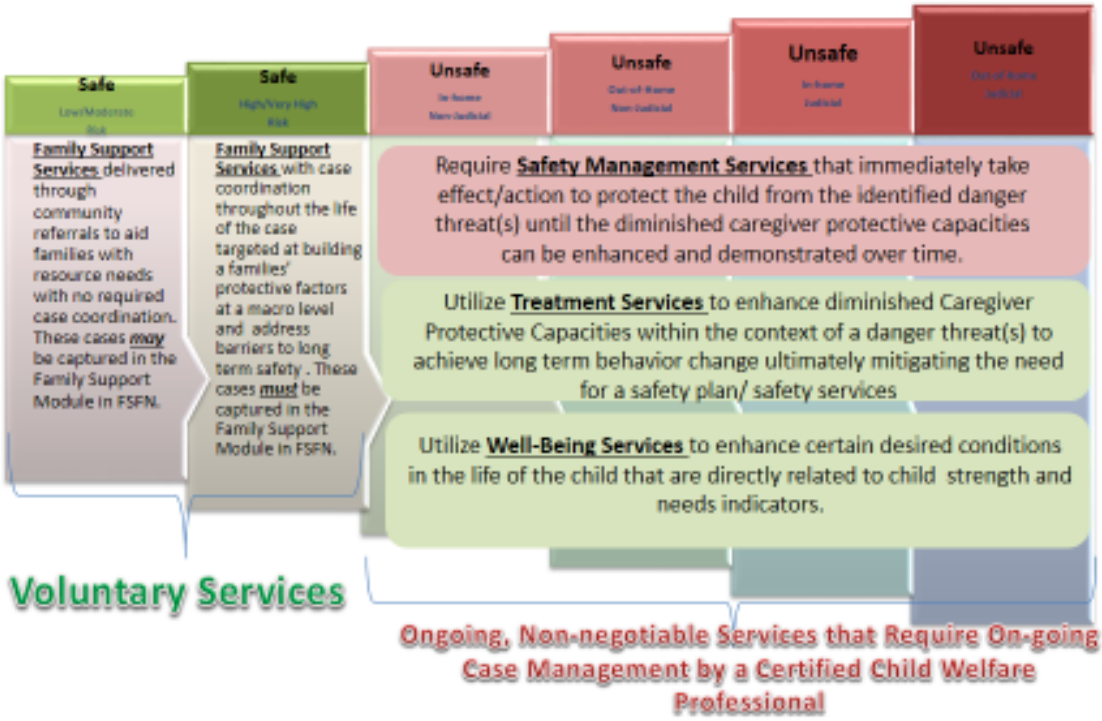

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Florida's Service Array
Family Support Services
Voluntary supportive family Services to prevent future child maltreatment among at-risk families.
Safety Management Services
Safety Services are actions, activities, tasks, or imposed situations that may be formal or informal and are provided by professionals and non-professionals for the purpose of managing or controlling Impending danger threats and documented in a safety plan. Safety Services must be capable of having an immediate effect, must be immediately available, must always be accessible, and must be sufficient to control Impending Danger. Safety Services are grouped according to five objectives: behavior management; crisis management; social connection; separation; and resource support.
Treatment Services
Treatment Services are specific, usually formal, services/interventions to achieve fundamental change in functioning and behavior associated with the reason that the child is unsafe.
Child Well-being Services
Child well-being services are specific, usually formal, services/interventions utilized to assure the child's physical, emotional, developmental, and educational needs are addressed. The assessment of the child strengths and needs indicators is used to systematically identify critical child well being needs that should be the focus of thoughtful, case plan interventions.
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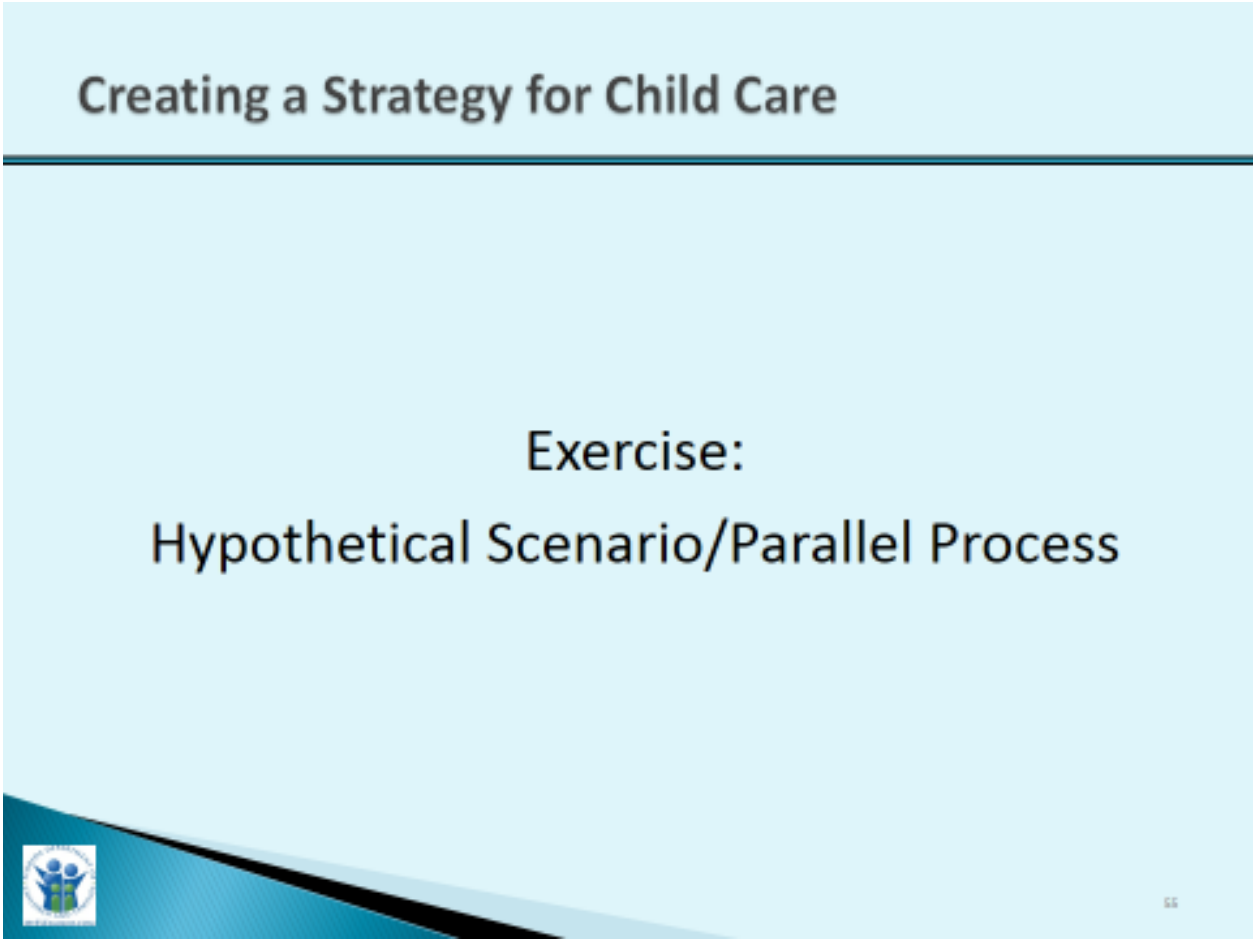
Creating a Strategy for Child Care
Exercise:
Hypothetical Scenario/Parallel Process

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Safety Management Parallel Process

Creating a Child Care Strategy

A Hypothetical Exercise

Instructions:

Read the scenario below. After reading the hypothetical situation, proceed in working with your practice group to come up with a strategy/plan for ensuring that "your child" as identified in the scenario will be sufficiently cared for during the period of time that you are unable to consistently provide for his care and supervision. For this exercise, each of you should consider your situation as the same as for the parent described in the scenario. Together, brainstorm and discuss potential practical options for creating and establishing a plan (or plans) for child care for your child.

Scenario:

You are a single parent of a three-year-old boy. Your work week varies from half time to ¾ time; you receive supplemental assistance; when necessary you have access to a day care option.

A month ago you started feeling increasingly fatigued. As the days progressed, you have become increasingly tired to the point of exhaustion. You eventually reached the point where you have needed to call in sick. As the physical exhaustion started to become more debilitating, you have also become emotionally immobilized and depressed. As a result, you have become much less responsive to your child, and are having difficulty staying on top of his care.

You have gone to the doctor already, with limited results. You are now not only having trouble caring for yourself and your child, but you are frustrated and demoralized. You have been referred to a specialist and it has been determined by the specialist and your doctor that due to the severity of this recent medical condition, it is going to be a few months until you are feeling up to par. Due to this illness, you are generally unable to <u>consistently</u> attend to primary and essential parenting responsibilities on your own (i.e. feeding, bathing, dressing, supervision, structure, etc.). There are periods during the day when you are more active and have more energy, generally the first few hours of the morning. By noon, your attentiveness drops off significantly, requiring you to sometimes lie down for an hour or two, at which point you regain some limited independent capability.

Part I: Creating a Plan for Child Care:

Limitations:

- <u>You cannot have someone move into your home on a full time basis.</u>
- <u>You cannot send your child to live with someone else while you are receiving treatment.</u>

In considering the scenario, what essentially needs to be controlled for or managed with respect to the care of the child?

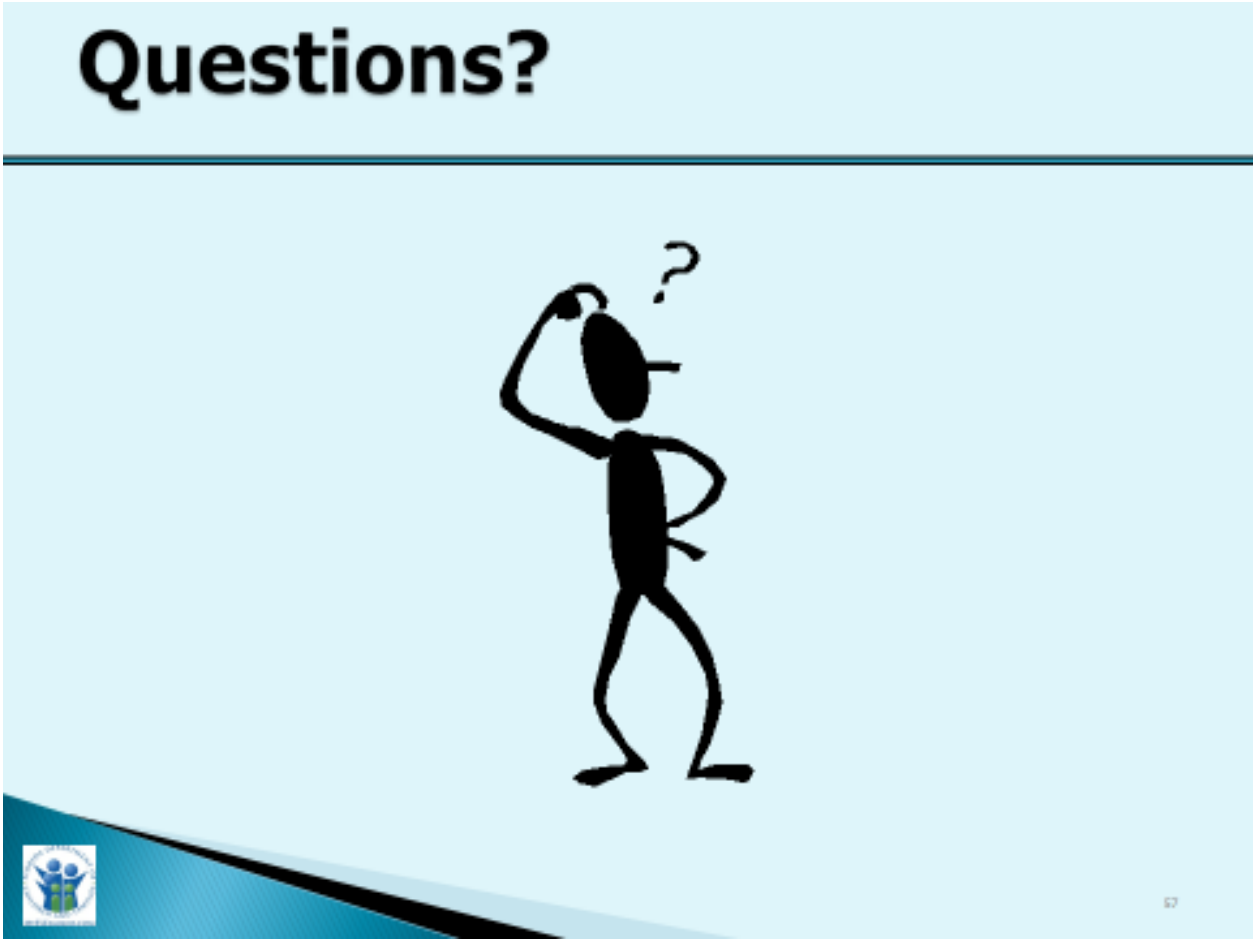
What actions would need to be taken to take control of the situation and when would these actions be required?

Who and/or what resources are available to participate in doing what is required?

Part II. Addition to Scenario

You are not the person who has the medical condition BUT you have been given the charge to actively assist in helping to directly manage the plan as well as have responsibility for a specific action/ service identified in the plan.

In assisting in directing and managing the plan, what issues are most important to take into account and stay on top of; what conversations would you initiate with the parent (with the medical condition) or others involved in the plan?



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Session 3
Safety Categories/Objectives
and Safety Services

Session 3


Safety Categories
Safety Categories refer to the objectives that are set forth in a Safety Plan specifically designed to manage Impending Danger:
Behavior Management
Crisis Management
Social Connection
Separation
Resource Support

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Safety Services
Specific action, activities, tasks, or imposed situations that are intended to achieve the objectives (Safety Categories) of a Safety Plan for managing or controlling Impending Danger.
Immediate effect
Immediately available
Accessible as required
Logical

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Safety Planning and Management
Purpose: Sufficiently control the Impending Danger and ensure protection
Safety Categories: Functional objectives of the Safety Plan to achieve purpose
Safety Services: Actions, activities, etc. designated to achieve objectives

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Safety Categories/Objectives and Associated Safety Services

Safety Category and Safety Service: Behavior Management

Behavior Management is concerned with applying actions (activities, arrangements, services, etc.) that control caregiver behavior that is a threat to a child's safety. While behavior may be influenced by physical or emotional health, reaction to stress, impulsiveness or poor self-control, anger, motives, and perceptions and attitudes, the purpose of this action is only to control the behavior. This action is concerned with aggressive behavior, passive behavior, or the absence of behavior – any of which threatens a child's safety.

Safety Service: Supervision and Monitoring

Supervision and Monitoring is the most common Safety Service in safety intervention. It is concerned with caregiver behavior; children's conditions; the home setting; and the implementation of the In-Home Safety Plan. You oversee people and the plan to manage safety.

Safety Service: Stress Reduction

Stress Reduction is concerned with identifying and addressing stressors occurring in the caregiver's daily experience and family life that can influence or prompt behavior that the In-Home Safety Plan is designed to manage.

Stress reduction as a Safety Service is not the same as stress management which has more treatment implications. Your responsibility has to do primarily with considering, with the caregiver, things that can be done to reduce the stress the caregiver is experiencing. Certainly, this can involve how the caregiver manages or mismanages stress; however, if coping is a profound dynamic in the caregiver's functioning and life, then planned change is indicated and that is a Permanency or In-Home Service planned change concern.

Safety Service: Behavior Modification

As you likely know, Behavior Modification, as a treatment modality, is concerned with the direct changing of unwanted behavior by means of biofeedback or conditioning. As you also know your responsibility as a Safety Manager is not concerned with changing behavior. And, you know that the Safety Category being considered here is Behavior Management. Safety intervention uses the terms Behavior Modification differently than its use as a treatment modality. Behavior Modification as a Safety Service is concerned with monitoring and seeking to influence behavior that is associated with Impending Danger and is the focus of an In-Home Safety Plan. Think of this Safety Service as attempting to limit and regulate caregiver behavior in relationship to what is required in the In-Home Safety Plan. Modification is concerned with

influencing caregiver behavior: a) to encourage acceptance and participation in the In-Home Safety Plan, and b) to ensure effective implementation of the In-Home Safety Plan.

Safety Category and Safety Service: Crisis Management

Crisis is a perception or experience of an event or situation as horrible; threatening; or disorganizing. The event or situation overwhelms the caregiver's and family members' emotions, abilities, resources, and problem solving. A crisis for the families you serve is not necessarily a traumatic situation or event in actuality. A crisis is the caregiver's or family members' perception and reaction to whatever is happening at a particular time. In this sense, you know that many caregivers and families appear to live in a constant state of crisis because they experience and perceive most things happening their lives as threatening, overwhelming, horrible events and situations over which they have little or no control.

Keep in mind, with respect to Safety Management, a crisis is an acute, here-and-now matter to be dealt with so that the Impending Danger is controlled and the requirements of the In-Home Safety Plan continue to be carried out.

The purposes of Crisis Management are crisis resolution and prompt problem solving in order to control Impending Danger. Crisis Management is specifically concerned with intervening to:

- Bring a halt to a crisis.
- Mobilize problem solving.
- Control Impending Danger.
- Reinforce caregiver participation in the In-Home Safety Plan.
- Avoid disruption of the In-Home Safety Plan.

Safety Category and Safety Service: Social Connection

Social Connection is concerned with Impending Danger that exists in association with or influenced by caregivers feeling or actually being disconnected from others. The actual or perceived isolation results in non-productive and non-protective behavior. Social isolation is accompanied by all kinds of debilitating emotions: low self-esteem and self-doubt; loss; anxiety; loneliness; anger; and marginality (e.g., unworthiness; unaccepted by others).

Social Connection is a Safety Category that reduces social isolation and seeks to provide social support. This Safety Category is versatile in the sense that it may be used alone or in combination with other Safety Categories in order to reinforce and support caregiver efforts. Keeping an eye on how the caregiver is doing is a secondary value of Social Connection (See Behavior Management – Supervision and Monitoring).

Safety Service: Friendly Visiting

Friendly Visiting (as a Safety Service) sounds unsophisticated and non-professional. It sounds like "dropping over for a chat." Actually, it is far more than "visiting." Friendly Visiting is an intervention that is among the first in Social Work history. The original intention of Friendly Visiting was essentially to provide casework services to the poor. In safety intervention, Friendly Visiting is directed purposefully at reducing isolation and connecting caregivers to social support.

Friendly Visiting can be done by you. You can arrange for others to do Friendly Visiting including professional and non-professional Safety Service Providers. When arrangements are made for Friendly Visiting by others, it will be necessary for you to direct and coach them in terms of the purpose of the Safety Service and how to proceed.

Safety Service: Basic Parenting Assistance

Basic Parenting Assistance is a means to Social Connection. Socially isolated caregivers do not have people to help them with basic caregiver responsibilities. They also experience the emotions of social isolation including powerlessness, anxiety, and desperation – particularly related to providing basic parenting. The differences between Friendly Visiting and Basic Parenting Assistance is that a) the topic is always about essential parenting knowledge and skills and 2) you, or another designated person, attempt to teach and build skills.

Safety intervention is concerned with parenting behavior that is threatening to a child's safety. The Safety Service Basic Parenting Assistance is concerned with specific, essential parenting that affects a child's safety. This Safety Service is focused on essential knowledge and skill a caregiver is missing or failing to perform. Typically you would think of this as related to children with special needs (e.g., infant, disabled child). Also, you would expect that the caregivers are in some way incapacitated or unmotivated. You, or someone you bring into the In-Home Safety Plan, become a significant Social Connection to help them with challenges they have in parenting, which is fundamental to the children remaining in the home.

Safety Service: Supervision and Monitoring as Social Connection

Some In-Home Safety Plans will require Social Connection and Behavior Management, specifically Supervision and Monitoring. Supervision and Monitoring occurs through conversations occurring during routine Safety Service visits (along with information from other sources). Within these routine in-home contacts, the social conversations can also provide Social Connection for the caregiver. The point here is to promote achievement of objectives of different Safety Categories and Safety Services when the opportunity is available. (See Supervision and Monitoring.)

Safety Service: Social Networking

You may be the central person providing the Safety Service in some of the other Social Connection Safety Services. In this Safety Service, you are a facilitator or arranger. Social networking, as a Safety Service, refers to organizing, creating, and developing a social network for the caregiver. The term "network" is used liberally since it could include one or several people. It could include people the caregiver is acquainted with such as friends, neighbors, or family members. The network could include new people that you introduce into the caregiver's life. The idea is to use various forms of social contact; formal and informal; contact with individuals and groups; the contact is focused and purposeful.

Safety Category and Safety Service: Resource Support

Resource Support refers to Safety Category that is directed at a shortage of family resources and resource utilization, the absence of which directly threatens child safety.

Safety Service: Resource Support

Activities and services that constitute Resource Support used to manage threats to child safety, or are related to supporting continuing Safety Management, include things such as:

- Resource acquisition related specifically to a lack of something that affects child safety.
- Transportation services, particularly in reference to an issue associated with a safety threat.
- Employment assistance aimed at increasing resources related to child safety issues.
- Housing assistance that seeks a home that replaces one that is directly associated with Impending Danger to a child's safety.
- General health care.
- Food and clothing.
- Home furnishings.

Safety Category and Safety Service: Separation

Separation is a Safety Category concerned with threats related to stress, caregiver reactions, child-care responsibility, and caregiver-child access. Separation provides respite for both caregivers and children. The Separation action creates alternatives to family routine, scheduling, demands, and daily pressure. Additionally, Separation can include a *Supervision and Monitoring* function concerning the climate of the home and what is happening. Separation refers to taking any member or members of the family out of the home for a period of time. Separation is viewed as a temporary action which can occur frequently during a week or for short periods of time. Separation may involve any period of time from one hour to a weekend

to several days in a row. Separation may involve professional and non-professional options. Separation may involve anything from babysitting to temporary out-of-home placement of a child, or combinations of these options.

Safety Service: Separation

Safety services that fit this safety category include:

- Planned absence of caregivers from the home;
- Respite care;
- Day care that occurs periodically or daily for short periods or all day long;
- After school care;
- Planned activities for the children that take them out of the home for designated periods;
- Child placement: short-term; weekends; several days; few weeks.


Exercise
Identifying Safety Categories and Safety Services Based on Impending Danger

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Contributing to the Development of a Sufficient Safety Plan: Considering Safety Categories and Safety Services

Instructions:

The purpose for Safety Plans/ Safety Management is to sufficiently control, manage, and prevent Impending Danger from threatening a child's safety. As a contributor to the development of sufficient In-Home Safety Plans as indicated on specific cases, the Safety Manager is required to thoroughly analyze and understand how Impending Danger is occurring in a family.

This exercise involves reading and analyzing two case summaries of Impending Danger, and then identifying possible Safety Categories and Safety Services that might be used if an In-Home Safety Plan was deemed appropriate based on the safety plan meeting.

Below are the three case summaries regarding Impending Danger. Each of these Impending Danger summaries was adapted from actual case documentation of the description of Impending Danger in the Safety Plan.

Read the scenario and then answer the questions related to the development of an In-Home Safety Plan. For this exercise, you will need to refer to your Impending Danger Definitions.

Case 1: Impending Danger Analysis

The mother of a 4-year-old compulsively buys random knick-knacks and holiday decorations, to the point where she uses up some family's financial resources from her disability allotment. Nearly every square foot of living space in the family's apartment is covered by an assortment of boxes, cards, decorations, arts and crafts, etc. With the exception of a "path" to the bathroom, a portion of the kitchen, and a "path" to the sofa, it is impossible to move about the apartment without walking over or climbing over stuff. The mother is isolated; she indicates that she never goes out; has no visitors. She describes herself in very contrasting ways; she says she is "lonely"; calls herself a "loser"; she also says she is "smart" and a "curious person" who "likes to collect interesting stuff." The mother is cooperative and actually very communicative, but her communication presents as highly anxious.

The mother is often frustrated and somewhat intolerant toward her son. The 4-year-old is virtually out of the mother's control due to her inability or unwillingness to set any limits with the child. The referral was made by neighbors due to the smell of smoke coming from the apartment. During the interview with the family, the mother confirmed that her 4-year-old got a hold of one of her cigarettes and threw it into a bundle of Christmas wrapping paper--no significant fire started, but the carpet did have a burned hole in it.

1. What is the Impending Danger in the case?

2. What must be controlled, managed, or substituted for in order to ensure child safety?

3. What Safety Category and related Safety Services would be appropriate to consider if an In-Home Safety Plan were to be developed?

Case 2: Impending Danger Summary

The parents of an 11-year-old autistic child are having significant difficulty managing the child's behavior. The child, who is totally non-verbal, has trouble expressing his needs, is unpredictable, and generally developmentally behind in many aspects of his day-to-day functioning (i.e., going to the bathroom, feeding/eating, etc.) and on occasion is physically aggressive toward the mother and his 4-year-old half-sister. Although unable to confirm, there are concerns that the parents may be locking the child in the basement as a way of controlling him, or merely as a way to get a break.

The father in this case is not the biological father. He clearly expresses frustration, and, at some level, anger and resentment over having to try and manage this special needs child. The report in this case indicated that the father "forcefully picked up and jerked" the child in the front yard after the boy hit his sister on the head with a plastic bat. The results of the FFA confirmed that the step-father had "banged" the child's head with his bedroom door while trying to "keep the child in his room". The child had a slight reddish-blue "goose egg" bump on the right side of his head. The step-father demonstrates some remorse, but also rationalizes his behavior and the need for physical control. The step-father denies that he gets aggressive with the boy; however, the mother and sister indicated that there have been previous occasions when the step-father has become physical. The mother expressed concern that "sometime the physical discipline seems too extreme." The step-father has a previous charge of disorderly conduct from two years ago at a party at the family's home.

1. What is the Impending Danger in the case?

2. What must be controlled, managed or substituted for in order to ensure child safety?

3. What Safety Category and related Safety Services would be appropriate to consider if an In-Home Safety Plan were to be developed?

Case 3: Impending Danger Analysis:

A 20-year-old mother of a 2-year-old girl is employed as a "dancer." Her job frequently requires that she work late at night. As a result of her late night work schedule, the mother has difficulty getting up in the morning to take care of her daughter. Further, the mother appears to have some unrealistic expectations for her daughter (i.e., not fussing and crying in the morning, ability to entertain herself). Usually the child's paternal grandmother, the child's father, or the next door neighbor watch the child when the mother is working; however, apparently on more than one occasion the mother has left the child with a "boyfriend," with whom she has admittedly only been involved for a brief period of time. On one such occasion, the so-called boyfriend left the child unattended while he worked on his car stereo system. The mother is not currently involved with anyone.

1. What is the Impending Danger in the case?

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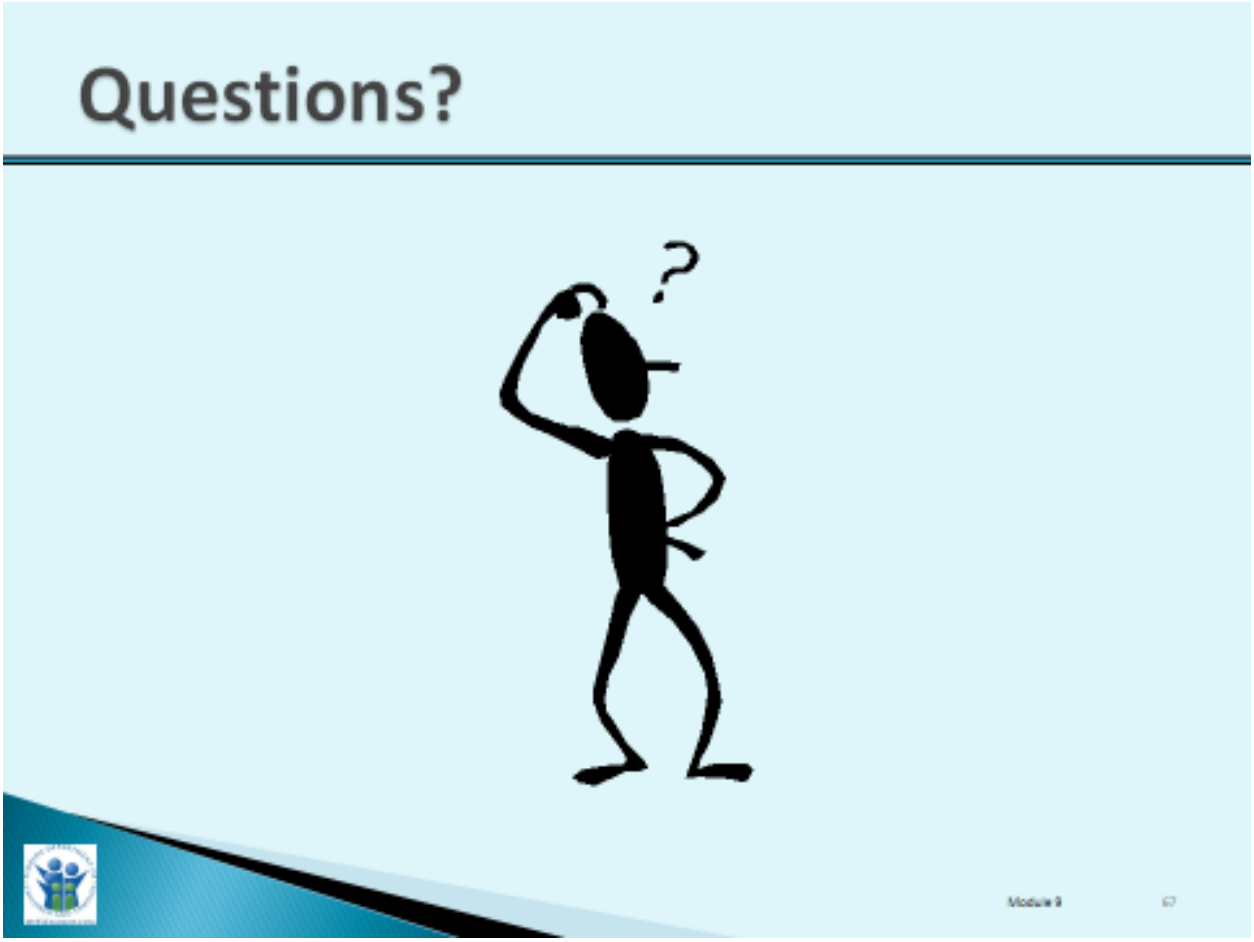

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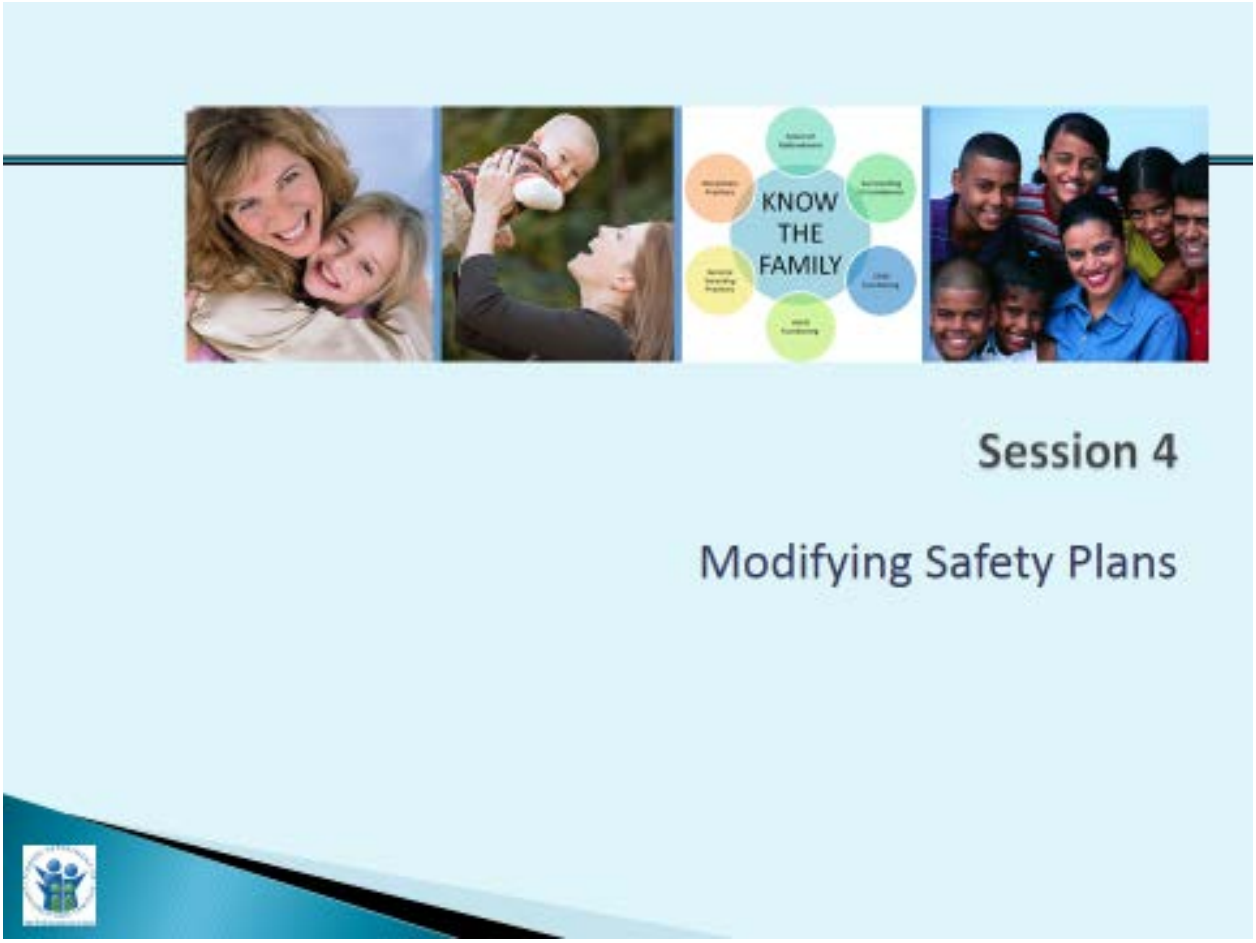

Session 4

Modifying Safety Plans

- Use of in-home, out-of-home, combination of actions
- Clarification of the role of parents (caregivers) in the plan
- Protective role of others
- Specification of the safety services from a limited to extensive perspective
- Use and responsibility of the family network and professionals
- Parent (caregiver) access to child
- Identification and rationale for different kinds of separation
- Anticipated time limits that govern separation

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Criteria for Safety Plans

- Must control or manage Impending Danger
- Must have an immediate effect
- Must be immediately accessible and available
- Must contain safety actions only
- No promissory commitments

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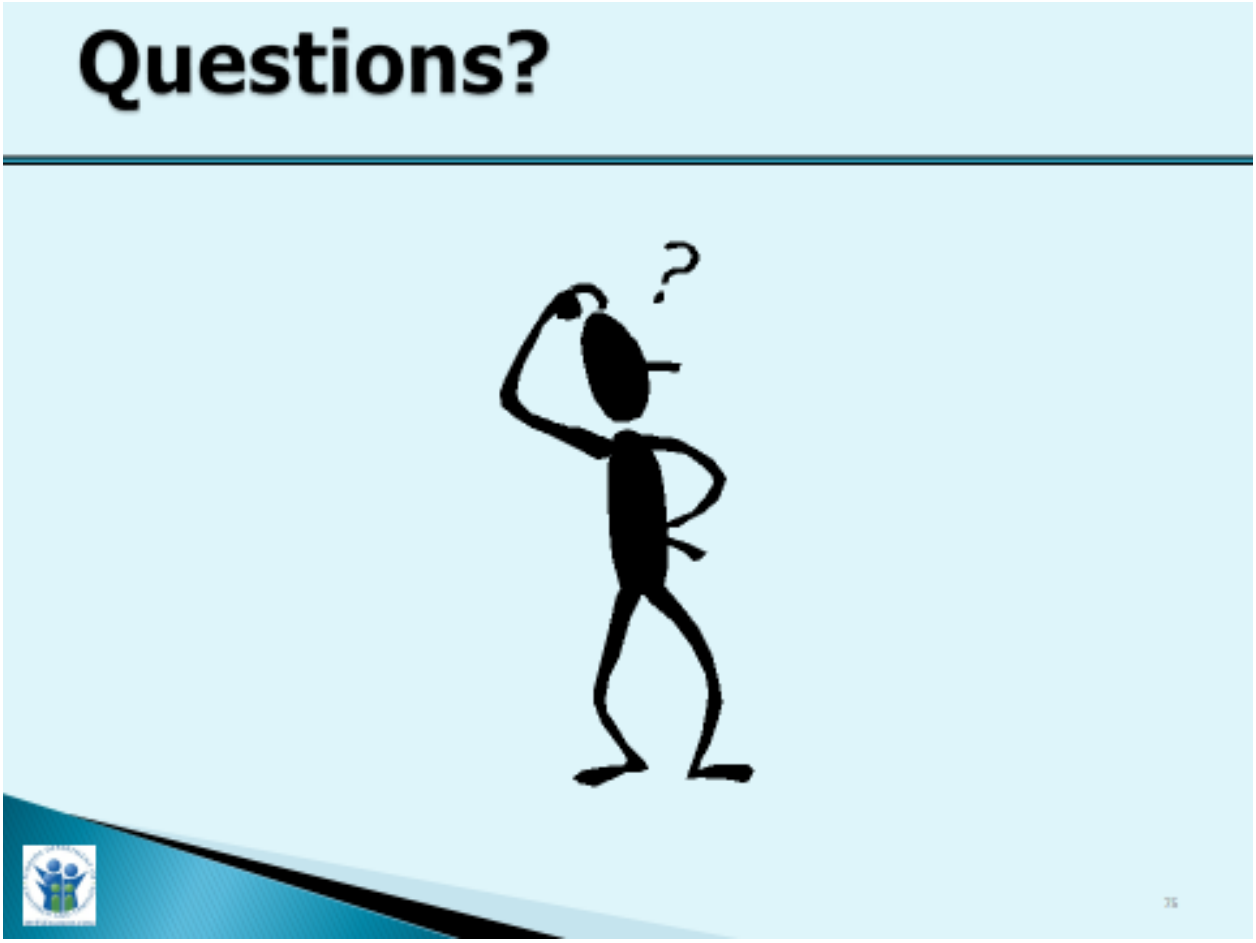

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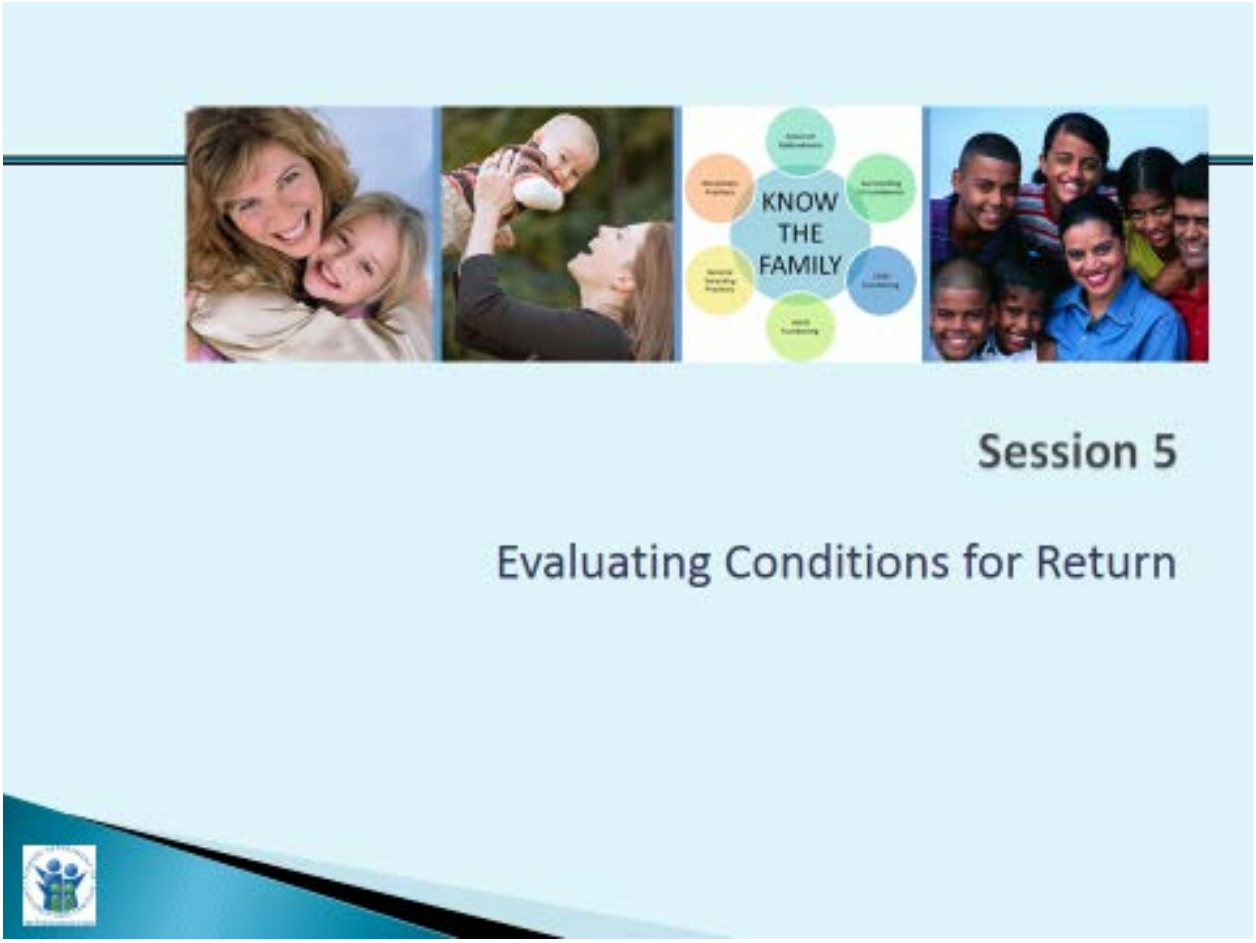
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Evaluating Conditions for Return

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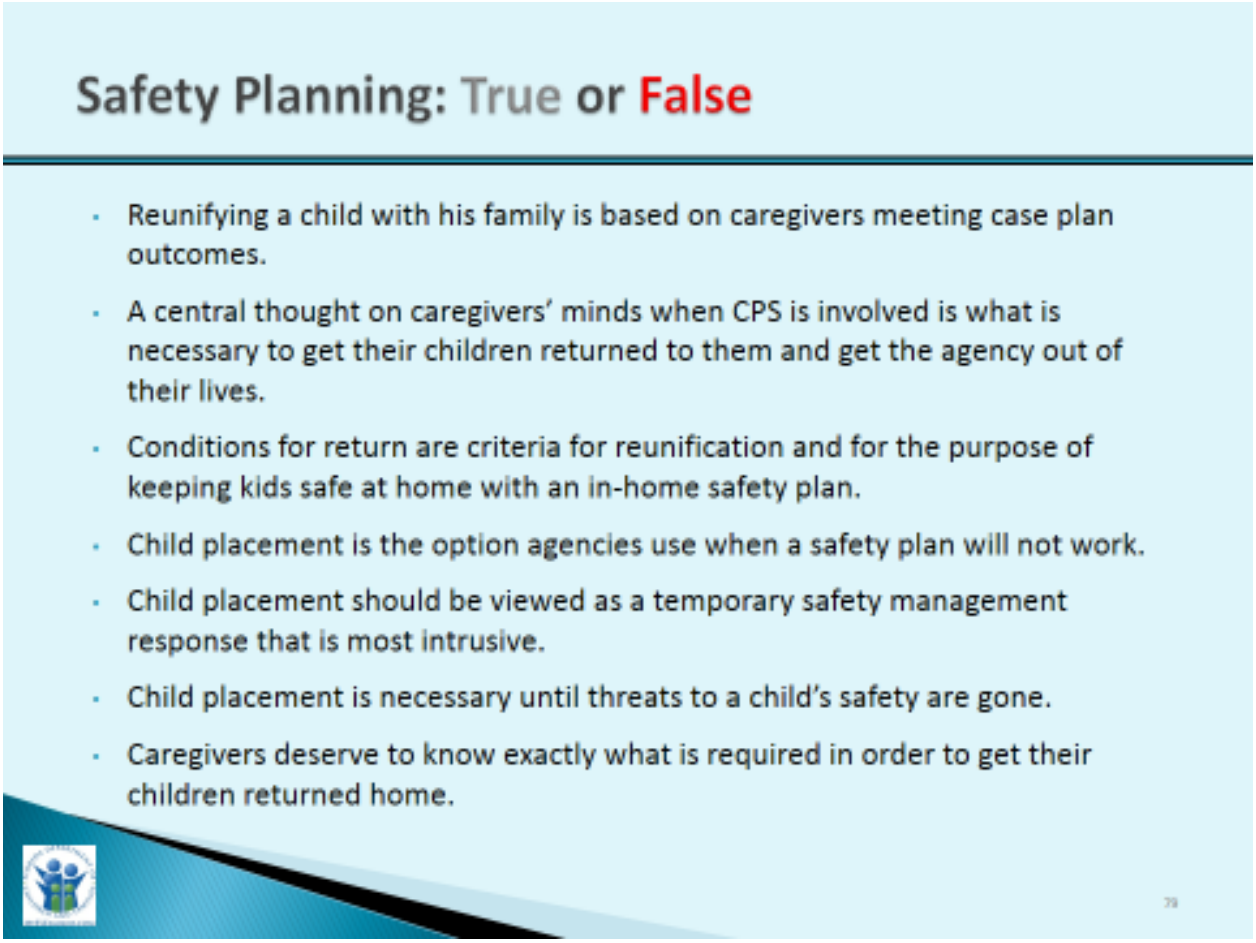
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Child placement should be viewed as a temporary safety management response that is most intrusive.
Child placement is necessary until threats to a child's safety are gone.
Caregivers deserve to know exactly what is required in order to get their children returned home.

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Safety Planning: True or False

Reunifying a child with his family is based on caregivers meeting case plan outcomes.

TRUE
FALSE

A central thought on caregivers' minds when child welfare is involved is what is necessary to get their children returned and to get child welfare out of their lives.

TRUE
FALSE

Conditions for Return are criteria for reunification used for the purpose of keeping kids safe at home with the use of an in-home safety plan.

TRUE
FALSE

Child placement is the option agencies use when a safety plan will not work.

TRUE
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TRUE
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Caregivers deserve to know exactly what is required in order to get their children returned home.

TRUE
FALSE

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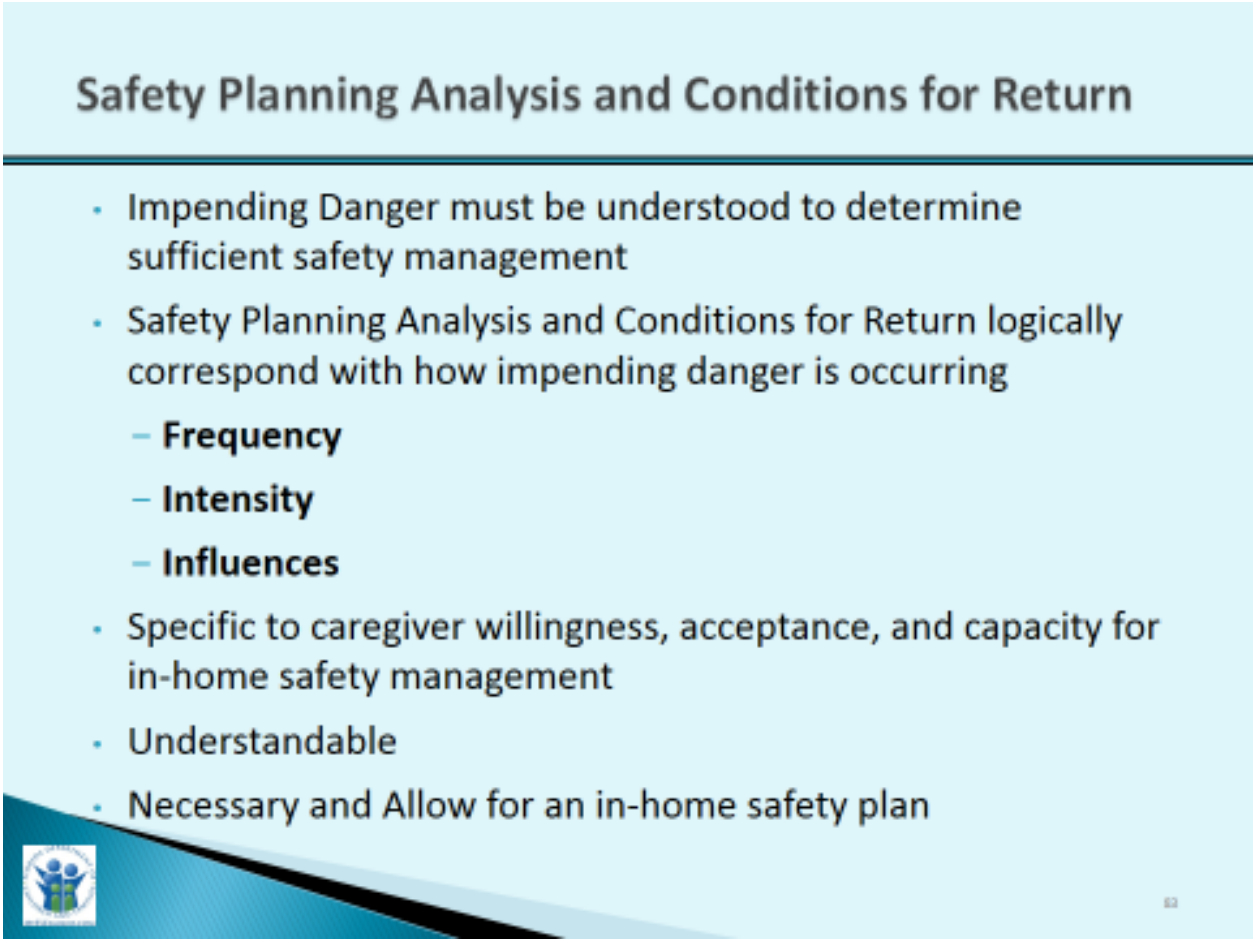
Safety Planning Analysis and Conditions for Return
Impending Danger must be understood to determine sufficient safety management
Safety Planning Analysis and Conditions for Return logically correspond with how impending danger is occurring
Frequency
Intensity
Influences
Specific to caregiver willingness, acceptance, and capacity for in-home safety management
Understandable
Necessary and Allow for an in-home safety plan

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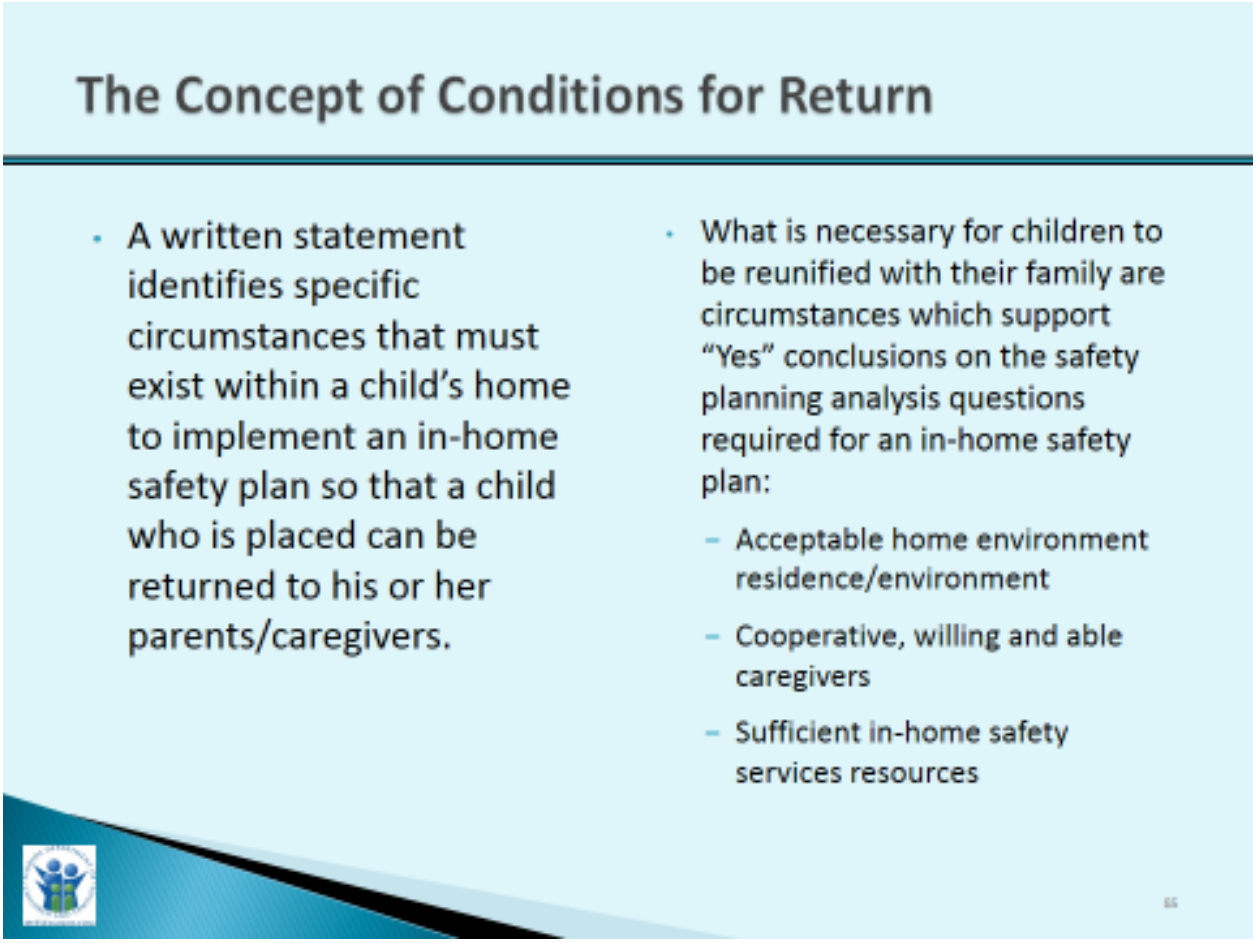
The Concept of Conditions for Return
A written statement identifies specific circumstances that must exist within a child's home to implement an in-home safety plan so that a child who is placed can be returned to his or her parents/caregivers.
What is necessary for children to be reunified with their family are circumstances which support "Yes" conclusions on the safety planning analysis questions required for an in-home safety plan:
Acceptable home environment residence/environment
Cooperative, willing and able caregivers
Sufficient in-home safety services resources

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Safety Planning Analysis:

Conditions for Return

If at the conclusion of the CPI Family Functioning Assessment, the Safety Planning Analysis results in a decision that an out of home safety plan is necessary to sufficiently manage child safety, the next immediate activity involves the supervisor and worker documenting explicitly what would be required in order for an in-home safety plan to be established and the child(ren) returned home.

The requirements (i.e. conditions that must exist) in order to return children to their caregivers are directly connected to the specific reasons/ justification from the Safety Planning Analysis as to why an in-home safety plan could not be put into place at the conclusion of the FFA and/or maintained as a part of ongoing safety management.

These "condition" for return statements are intended to delineate what is required in the home environment and of caregivers to be able to step down the level of intrusiveness for safety management and implement an in-home safety plan.

Definition of Condition for Return

Official written statements that could be included as part of a court order that describe what must exist or be different with respect to specific family circumstances, home environment, caregiver perception, behavior, capacity and/or safety service resources that would allow for reunification to occur with the use of an in-home safety plan.

Question #1:

The parents/legal guardians are willing for an in-home safety plan to be developed and implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with all identified safety service providers.

- *Willing to accept and cooperate* refers to the most basic level of agreement to allow a Safety Plan to be implemented in the home and to participate according to agreed assignments. Caregivers do not have to agree that a Safety Plan is the right thing nor are they required liking the plan; plans are not negotiable in regards to the effectuation of the plan.

Conditions for Return and Use of an In-Home Safety Plan:

The statements associated with a caregiver's lack of acceptance and willingness to participate in developing an in home safety plan should reflect what would be different in comparison to what was determined to be the justification for why an in-home safety plan could not be used.

Examples:

- Caregiver [name] is open to having candid discussion about the reason for a safety plan and what the safety plan would involve regarding child [name] safety and the need for a safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] expresses genuine remorse about [specific maltreatment] toward child [name] and is willing to discuss the need for a safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] expresses a genuine interest in doing what is necessary to have the child [name] return to the home;
- Caregiver [name] is willing to allow for safety services in the home and demonstrates openness to cooperate with whatever level of involvement from safety service providers is required to assure child safety;
- Caregiver can talk about how he/she felt before when not being willing to cooperate with an in-home safety plan, and why/how he/she feels different.

Question #2:

The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an in-home safety plan to be implemented and for safety service providers to be in the home safely.

- *Calm and consistent* refers to the environment, its' routine, how constant and consistent it is, its predictability to be the same from day-to-day. The environment must accommodate plans, schedules, and services and be non-threatening to those participating in the Safety Plan.

Conditions for Return and Use of an In-Home Safety Plan:

The statements associated with the home environment should reflect what would need to be different in comparison to what was determined to require an out of home safety plan.

Examples:

- The home environment is consistent [describe what would be different] enough for in-home safety services to be put into place;
- Specific individuals [identify and describe what was problematic about certain people being in the home and threatening to child safety] no longer reside in the home and the caregiver's [name] commitment to keeping them out of the home is sufficiently supported by in-home safety services;
- Caregiver [name or other individual in the home] no longer expresses or behaves in such a way that reasonably will disrupt an in home safety plan [describe specifically what would be different that was preventing in-home safety plan], expresses acceptance of the in home safety plan and concern for child; and safety services are sufficient for monitoring and managing caregiver behavior as necessary;
- Specific triggers for violence in the home are understood and recognized by caregivers, and in-home safety services can sufficiently monitor and manage behavior to control impulsivity and prevent aggressiveness;

- Caregiver [name] acknowledges the need for self-management and is demonstrating evidence of increased impulse control and behavior management, and there is a judgment that in-home safety services can provide sufficient monitoring of family member interactions [describe specific what would be monitored in terms of situations and interactions] and manage behavior [describe what specific behavior must be managed];
- Child [name] no longer expresses fear of the home situation;
- Child [name] no longer expresses fear of being around the caregiver, and in-home safety services can be a sufficient social connection for the child to monitor his/her feelings and/or emotional reactions;
- There is enough of an understanding regarding the home environment, dynamics of family interactions and caregiver functioning that in-home safety services can sufficiently supervise and monitor the situation and/or manage behavior and/or manage stress and/or provide basic parenting assistance [describe specifically what safety services would be necessary];
- Caregiver [name] interactions with a child during visitation reveals a positive change in perception and attitude toward the child [describe specifically what change would be necessary to implement an in-home safety plan];
- Caregiver [name] has expressed a desire to improve the quality of the relationship with his/her child, and demonstrates enough notable progress toward having a change in perception and more positive interactions with the child that in-home safety services can sufficiently supervise and monitor the situation;
- The home environment is reasonably consistent on a day to day basis [describe what minimally reasonably consistent would look like for a particular family];
- There is an increased structure in the home environment and a general routine that makes it possible to plan for the use of in-home safety services;
- There is no indication that there are unknown, questionable or threatening people in and of the home on a routine or inconsistent basis;
- All individuals residing in the home are known to the agency, cooperative and open to intervention;
- There is an increased understanding of how Impending Danger [described negative condition that must be better understood] is manifested on a day to day basis, and there is a judgment that in-home safety services can be put into place at the times and level of effort required to assure child safety;
- There is an understanding regarding when Impending Danger is more likely to become active and in-home safety services can be put into place at the times and level of effort required to sufficiently control and manage out of control emotions, perceptions and/or behavior [describe specifically what would need to be controlled].

Question #3

Safety services are available at a sufficient level and to the degree necessary in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home.

- Safety Management Services are dependent upon the identified impending danger threat*: Available* refers to services that exist in sufficient amount. *Access* refers to time and location. Accessible services are those that are close enough to the family to be applied and can be implemented immediately.

Conditions for Return and Use of an In-Home Safety Plan:
CFR statements associated with the sufficiency of resources should reflect what would need to exist in comparison to what was determined to be the justification for an out of home safety plan. See the previous examples related to the justification for an in-home safety plan as a reference point for considering possible conditions for return related to sufficient resources.

Examples:

- There are sufficient and suitable safety service resources at the level of effort necessary to manage behavior and/or provide social connections and/or provide basic parenting assistance etc. [identify what specific safety service you would need to manage safety in the home].

Question #4:

An in-home safety plan and the use of in-home safety management services can sufficiently manage impending danger without the results of scheduled professional evaluations.

- This question is concerned with specific knowledge that is needed to understand Impending Danger Threats, caregiver capacity or behavior or family functioning specifically related to Impending Danger Threats. The point here is the absence of such information obviates DCF' ability to know what is required to manage threats. Evaluations that are concerned with treatment or general information gathering (not specific to Impending Danger Threats) can occur in tandem with In-Home Safety Plans.

Conditions for Return and Use of an In-Home Safety Plan:
The statements associated with a caregiver's capacity should reflect what would need to be different in comparison to what was determined to be the justification for why an in-home safety plan would be insufficient.

Examples:

- There are sufficient safety service resources available and immediately accessible to compensate for a caregiver's cognitive limitations and provide basic parenting assistance at the level required to assure that the child [name] is protected and has basic needs met;
- There are sufficient safety service resources available and immediately

accessible to compensate for a caregiver's physical limitation by providing basic parenting assistance to assure child [name] basic needs are met;

- There is a change in circumstances [describe specific change] whereby there are sufficient safety services [identify specific safety services] available and immediately accessible to assure that child [name] special needs can be managed with an in-home safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] emotions/ behaviors are stabilized [describe specifically what stabilized "looks like" for a caregiver] to the extent that in-home safety services are sufficient for effectively managing caregiver [name] behavior;
- Caregiver [name] is demonstrating progress toward [describe specifically what would need to be different - e.g. stabilizing emotionally; increased control of behavior] to the extent that in-home safety services are sufficient and immediately available for effectively managing caregiver behavior;
- Caregiver's [name] emotional functioning is stabilized and predictable enough for a sustained period of time [designate appropriate time] such that it will not disrupt an in home safety plan;
- Caregiver's [name] substance use [or addiction] is stabilized and there is demonstration of increased self-control to avoid using [drugs/ alcohol] for a sustained period of time such that it will not disrupt an in home safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] demonstrates increased emotional stability/ behavioral control [describe specifically what would be different] to the point where an in-home safety plan and safety management can assure child safety;
- Caregiver [name] acknowledges the need for having different expectations for child [name] that are more reasonable given his/her limitation, and there are sufficient in-home safety services to assist with modifying caregiver behavior and providing basic parenting assistance;
- Caregiver [name] can be relied upon to comply with; participate in; accept and cooperate with the schedules, activities and expectations in the in home safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] will be at the home and/or will respond to phone and other kinds of contact as identified related to the specifics of the in home safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] responds to safety providers in reasonable and accepting ways and in accordance with schedules and expectations in the in home safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] is sufficiently able and responsible about managing his or her behavior consistent with and as required by specifics of the in home safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] is tolerant of safety service providers, schedules, identified expectations, role and behavior of safety service providers that are spelled out in the in home safety plan;
- Caregiver [name] is open and can set aside his or her personal choices; independence that conflicts with the in home safety plan; wishes and preferences which are contrary to specific expectations/requirements of the in home safety plan.

Question # 5:

The parents/legal guardians have a physical location in which to implement an in-home safety plan.

- *Physical location* refers to (1) a home/shelter exists and can be expected to be occupied for as long as the Safety Plan is needed and (2) caregivers live there full time.
- Home refers to an identifiable domicile. DV or other shelter, friend or relative's homes qualify as an identifiable domicile if other criteria are met (expected to be occupied for as long as the safety plan is needed, caregivers live there full time, e.g.).

Conditions for Return and Use of an In-Home Safety Plan:

The statements associated with a caregiver's residence should reflect what would need to exist in comparison to what was determined to be the justification for an out of home safety plan.

Examples:

- Caregiver [name] has a reliable, sustainable, consistent residence in which to put an in-home safety plan in place;
- Caregiver [name] maintains the residence and there is confidence that the living situation is sustainable;
- Caregiver [name] demonstrates the ability to maintain a sustainable, suitable, consistent residence [describe specifically on an individual case by case basis what would be a sufficient demonstration of a caregivers ability to maintain an adequate place to reside and implement an in-home safety plan];
- The condition of the residence is suitable and structurally adequate [describe what specifically about the condition of residence must be different] to safely put an in-home safety plan in place;
- Caregiver [name] has a reasonable plan for how his/she will use resources to maintain a stable residence.

Review: Applying Concepts

- In small groups of 3 or 4:
  - Review written case information: Intakes, PDA, PDA Safety Plan, FFA, Impending Danger Safety Plan, FFA Ongoing
  - Complete the worksheets based upon the case material

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Instructions for Case Review

Purpose:

The purpose of this exercise is to provide a practice opportunity that allows participants to practice identifying information that supports safety planning analysis and conditions for return.

Materials Needed:

- Safety Methodology Reference Guide

Instructions:

1. Working within your small groups, each participant is to review the Case materials: Intakes, PDA, PDA Safety Plan, FFA, Impending Danger Safety Plan, Ongoing FFA.
2. When reviewing the case, each participant should be considering:
    a. Information that supports the danger threat(s);
    b. Justification of the safety planning analysis.
    c. Specificity of conditions for return and whether they reflect steps to achieve an in-home safety plan
    d. Progression from CPI FFA to Ongoing FFA in terms of Conditions for Return; how does Ongoing FFA reflect additional understanding of the family?

3. Following each participant's and small group completion of the worksheet, conduct a group report out to hear the individual case review results.

Case Review Worksheet

1. Information that Supports the Specific Danger Threat

2. Justification of the safety planning analysis.

3. Specificity of conditions for return and whether they reflect steps to achieve an in-home safety plan.

4. Progression from CPI FFA to Ongoing FFA in terms of Conditions for Return; how does Ongoing FFA reflect additional understanding of the family? How does this increased understanding impact the conditions for return?

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INTAKE REPORT

Intake Name	Intake Number	County	Secondary County
XXXXX, LINDA	XXXX-XXXXX-XX	Gilchrist	

Date and Time Intake Received	Program Type	Investigative Sub-Type	Provider Name
05/10/2014 8:17 PM	Child Intake - Initial	In-Home	N/A

Background Checks Required	Reason	Call Record Number	3 Hits Reviewed
☒ Yes ☐ No			☐ Yes ☒ N/A

Worker Safety Concerns	Prior Involvement	Law Enforcement Notified
☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No

Send Florida Administrative Message to Law Enforcement ☐ Yes ☒ N/A

Response Time	Name – Worker	Name – Supervisor
24 Hours	XXXXX, XXXXX	XXXXX, XXXXX

I. Family Information

Name – Family	Telephone Number – Home
XXXXX, LINDA	(352)217-1996

Address – Street	Unit Designator	City	State	Zip Code
XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXX	FL	XXXXX

Primary Language: Interpreter Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Directions to House

See reporter screen

A. Participants

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, LINDA	XXX-XX-XXXX	AP-IN-PC	Female	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
21	Unable To Determine	White	☒ Yes ☐ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, Kassie	XXX-XX-XXXX	PC-SO	Female	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
40	Other	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, Isabella	XXX-XX-XXXX	V	Female	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
1	Other	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, Brian	XXX-XX-XXXX	HM-PC	Male	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
20	Other	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

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AP = Alleged Perpetrator
CH = Child In Home
HM = Household Member
NM = Non-Household Member
PC = Parent/Caregiver
IN = Intake Name
SO = Significant Other
V = Victim
JS = Alleged Juvenile Sexual Offender
IC = Identified Child
RN = Referral Name / SC Referral Name

B. Address and Phone Information

Name	Type	Address	Telephone Number
XXXXX, LINDA ANN	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	(XXX)XXX-XXXX
XXXXX, Kassie Renee	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	
XXXXX, Isabella	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	(XXX)XXX-XXXX
XXXXX, Brian Matthew	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	

C. Relationships

Subject	Relationship	Subject
XXXXX, LINDA	Mother-Birth	XXXXX, Isabella
XXXXX, Brian	Father-Birth	XXXXX, Isabella
XXXXX, Kassie	Grandmother-Paternal	XXXXX, Isabella

D. Alleged Maltreatment

Alleged Victim	Maltreatment Code
XXXXX, Isabella	Inadequate Supervision

E. Location of Incident

Address – Street	Apt.	City	State	Zip Code

Telephone Number – Home	Telephone Number – Work	Telephone Number - Cell

II. Narratives

A. Allegation Narrative

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On 05/10/14, Linda, the mother, was baker acted due to a panic attack and she was cutting herself on her wrist. She walked to the paternal grandmother's home, sobbing and crying, looking for Brian, the father. She refused to eat and she was "moaning". She actually called 911 herself. She and Brian were having some type of dispute and she feels that he doesn't love her. Linda has a history of cutting herself. She has a history of leaving with their 11 month old baby, Isabella. Linda has taken Isabella to two unsafe places: one place was the maternal grandmother's home and another time, she allowed someone she met online to pick up her and Isabella. There was no harm at that time but, she had no food or diapers for Isabella. There are concerns that she is not mentally fit to handle Isabella.

Linda has also been known to grab Isabella placing her next to her and sit for long periods of time, rocking back and forth, crying. Isabella would be clutched by Linda and when asked to release Isabella, Linda would repeatedly scream, "You're not taking my baby".

On this incident, Isabella was not with Linda. There are concerns that Linda is not providing a safe environment for Isabella. She has also been known to take Isabella and run into a wooded area.

In the past, Linda left Isabella in a stroller too long and that incident left unusual marks on Isabella's buttocks; the marks looked like rug burns. About 3-4 months ago, Linda took Isabella and ran into a wooded area.

Brian and Linda have a residence that smelled like a cesspool. There was dried urine on the linoleum floors. Brian worked long hours but Linda was home every day with Isabella. They also have no running water at the location as of a week ago. They have been in this home for about a month.

Brian works in construction. Linda got fired from a Taco Bell.

Brain has mild cerebral palsy. Linda has currently been diagnosed with depression and possibly bipolar.

As of last weekend, Linda's home had no running water and she refused to allow Isabella to live with the paternal grandmother.

A. Provider Detail

B. Narrative for Worker Safety Concerns

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III. Agency Response

A. Recommendation

System Screening Recommendation	Counselor Screening Recommendation	Counselor Screening Reason
	Pending	
Counselor Name	Counselor Screening Date/Time	

Reason for Override:

System Response Priority Recommendation	Counselor Response Priority Recommendation	Date/Time Decision Made

Reason for Override:

B. Decision

Decision	Date/Time Decision Made	Reason
Screen In	05/10/2014 8:54 PM	Screen In - Accepted for Services/Investigation
Worker:	XXXXX, Sierra N	
Explain:		

IV. CI Unit Documentation

First Call Attempted Date/Time	Completed Call Date/Time

Call Log

Called Out By	Called To
XXXXX, XXXXX	

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INTAKE REPORT

Intake Name	Intake Number	County	Secondary County
XXXXX, LINDA	XXXX-125137-02	Gilchrist	Gilchrist

Date and Time Intake Received	Program Type	Investigative Sub-Type	Provider Name
05/11/2014 9:52 AM	Child Intake - Supplemental	In-Home	N/A

Background Checks Required	Reason	Call Record Number	3 Hits Reviewed
☐ Yes ☒ No	Supplemental		☐ Yes ☒ N/A

Worker Safety Concerns	Prior Involvement	Law Enforcement Notified
☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No

Send Florida Administrative Message to Law Enforcement ☐ Yes ☒ N/A

Response Time	Name – Worker	Name – Supervisor
	XXXXX, XXXXX	XXXXX, XXXXX

I. Family Information

Name – Family	Telephone Number – Home
XXXXX, LINDA	(XXX)XXX-XXXX

Address – Street	Unit Designator	City	State	Zip Code
XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXX	FL	XXXXX

Primary Language: Interpreter Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Directions to House

24 hour location: Home address: XXXXX, FL XXXXX USPS verified as Gilchrist County

A. Participants

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, LINDA	XXX-XX-XXXX	AP-IN-PC	Female	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
21	Unable To Determine	White	☒ Yes ☐ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No | 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, Brian	XXX-XX-XXXX	HM-PC	Male	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
20	Other	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No | 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, Kassie	XXX-XX-XXXX	PC-SO	Female	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
40	Other	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No | 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

Name	ID Number	Role	Gender	DOB
XXXXX, Isabella	XXX-XX-XXXX	V	Female	XX/XX/XXXX

Est. Age	Ethnicity	Race	Disability
1	Other	White	☐ Yes ☒ No

Hearing Impaired: ☐ Yes ☒ No | 24 Access ☐ Yes ☒ No

Device Needed:

A person who knowingly or willfully makes public or discloses to any unauthorized person any confidential information contained in the central abuse hotline is subject to the penalty provisions of s. 39.205.

AP = Alleged Perpetrator
CH = Child In Home
HM = Household Member
NM = Non-Household Member
PC = Parent/Caregiver
IN = Intake Name
SO = Significant Other
V = Victim
JS = Alleged Juvenile Sexual Offender
IC = Identified Child
RN = Referral Name / SC Referral Name

B. Address and Phone Information

Name	Type	Address	Telephone Number
XXXXX, LINDA	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	(XXX)XXX-XXXX
XXXXX, Brian	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	
XXXXX, Kassie	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	
XXXXX, Isabella	Primary Residence	XXXXXXXXXX	(XXX)XXX-XXXX

C. Relationships

Subject	Relationship	Subject
XXXXX, LINDA	Mother-Birth	XXXXX, Isabella
XXXXX, Brian	Son	XXXXX, Kassie
XXXXX, Brian	Father-Birth	XXXXX, Isabella
XXXXX, Kassie	Mother	XXXXX, Brian
XXXXX, Kassie	Grandmother-Paternal	XXXXX, Isabella
XXXXX, Isabella	Daughter	XXXXX, LINDA
XXXXX, Isabella	Daughter	XXXXX, Brian
XXXXX, Isabella	Granddaughter	XXXXX, Kassie

D. Alleged Maltreatment

Alleged Victim	Maltreatment Code

E. Location of Incident

Address – Street	Apt.	City	State	Zip Code

Telephone Number – Home	Telephone Number – Work	Telephone Number - Cell

II. Narratives

A. Allegation Narrative

The mother is currently under a Baker Act at Meridian in Gainesville, FL. There were no new allegations.

A. Provider Detail

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B. Narrative for Worker Safety Concerns

III. Agency Response

A. Recommendation

System Screening Recommendation	Counselor Screening Recommendation	Counselor Screening Reason
	Pending	
Counselor Name	Counselor Screening Date/Time	

Reason for Override:

System Response Priority Recommendation	Counselor Response Priority Recommendation	Date/Time Decision Made

Reason for Override:

B. Decision

Decision	Date/Time Decision Made	Reason
Screen In	05/11/2014 9:56 AM	Screen In - Accepted for Services/Investigation
Worker:	XXXXX, XXXXX	
Explain:		

IV. CI Unit Documentation

First Call Attempted Date/Time	Completed Call Date/Time

Call Log

Called Out By	Called To
XXXXX, XXXXX	

FLORIDA SAFETY DECISION MAKING METHODOLOGY
Child Present Danger Assessment

Case Name: XXXXX, LINDA
Worker Name: XXXXX, XXXXX
Intake/Investigation ID: XXXX-XXXXXX

FSFN Case ID: XXXXXXXXX
Assessment Date: 05/11/2014
Completed Date: 05/12/2014

IDENTIFICATION OF THREATS OF DANGER TO A

CHILD I. DANGER THREATS

(Severity and significance of diminished Parent/Legal Guardian Protective Capacities as it relates to child vulnerability which creates a threat to child safety. The vulnerability of each child needs to be considered throughout information collection and assessment)

Yes	No	
☐	☒	1. Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver is not meeting child's basic and essential needs for food, clothing and/or supervision, AND child is/has already been seriously harmed or will likely be serious harmed.
☐	☒	2. Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver's intentional and willful act caused serious physical injury to the child, or the caregiver intended to seriously injure the child
☒	☐	3. Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver is violent, impulsive, or acting dangerously in ways that have seriously harmed the child or will likely seriously harm the child.
☐	☒	4. Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver is threatening to seriously harm the child; Parent/Legal Guardian is fearful he/she will seriously harm the child.
☐	☒	5. Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver views child and/or acts toward the child in extremely negative ways AND such behavior has or will result in serious harm to the child.
☐	☒	6. Child shows serious emotional symptoms requiring immediate intervention and/or lacks behavioral control and/or exhibits self-destructive behavior that Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver is unwilling or unable to manage.
☐	☒	7. Child has a serious illness or injury (indicative of child abuse) that is unexplained, or the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver explanations are inconsistent with the illness or injury.
☐	☒	8. The child's physical living conditions are hazardous and a child has already been seriously injured or will likely be seriously injured. The living conditions seriously endanger a child's physical health.
☐	☒	9. There are reports of serious harm and the child's whereabouts cannot be ascertained and/or there is a reason to believe that the family is about to flee to avoid agency intervention and/or refuses access to the child and the reported concern is significant and indicates serious harm.
☐	☒	10. Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver is not meeting the child's essential medical needs AND the child is/has already been seriously harmed or will likely be seriously harmed.
☐	☒	11. Other. Explain:

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Child Present Danger Assessment

II. SAFETY INTERVENTION

☐ No Present Danger Threats are identified.

☒ Danger Threat(s) identified - Present danger threat is identified. Proceed to develop or modify existing Safety Plan, continue information collection and Family Functioning Assessment.

Briefly describe assessment of the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver's historical and current capacity to, ability to, and willingness to protect the child.
On 5/10/14 the mother was cutting her arms, walking back forth between her home and the grandmother's home, acting out of control and would sit and rock back and forth with something clutched in her arms when the mother was taken to Shands ER where the mother
was Baker Acted on 5/10/14 and is currently at Meridian, but the baby was not in the care of the mother when the mother was Baker
Acted. Once released from Meridian the mother will access to the baby and is not clear if the mother stable enough to care for a baby. The mother is showing signs of instability while caring for the baby, such as having to be directed to feed, change and pick up baby
when crying. The mother will clutch to the baby very hard and rock back and forth and states she is hearing voices that tell her to do
bad things. The father stated she talks about hearing voices all the time. The mother has never been diagnosed with any mental issues that the father knows of. The father works and is not home with the mother and baby. Also, the mother is having hallucinations and at times the mother will run off into the woods with the baby. The mother will meet people and have them pick her up and disappear for a few days.

If at any time during agency intervention a danger threat is determined, immediately proceed to implementing a Safety Plan and conducting an In-Home Safety Analysis.

FLORIDA SAFETY DECISION MAKING METHODOLOGY

Child Safety Plan

Case Name:	XXXXX, LINDA	**Intake/Investigation ID:**	XXXX-XXXXXX
Worker Name:	XXXXX, XXXXX	**Effective Date:**	05/12/2014
Safety Plan Purpose:	Present Danger Plan	**Safety Plan Type:**	☐ Individual(s) ☒ Family

Child Name	Date of Birth	Age
XXXXX, Isabella	XX/XX/XXXX	1

I. DANGER THREAT(S) DESCRIPTION

Specific Threats to Child Safety – Describe safety concerns that would pose present or impending danger

The mother, Linda XXXXX was cutting herself and acting out of control on 5/10/14 when EMS transported her to Shand ER from there she was Baker Acted at Meridian. The mother is unstable and has no stability to care for the child, Isabella at this time. The mother has panic attacks and rocks the child back and forth in a clutching position. The mother states she hears voices talking to her and tell her to bad things. The mother will leave with the baby and no one knows where she is. The mother will try to run off in the woods with the baby. The mother go off with anyone she meets and no one will know where she can be located until the mother calls.

II. SAFETY PLAN

Actions to Keep Child Safe	Who is Responsible for the Action?	Resources or People Who Will Help	Freq. of Intervention
The grandmother, Kassie XXXXX and the father, Brian XXXXX agree to leave the child, Isabella XXXXX in the grandmother's care at the grandmother's home and the grandmother will provide all the child's needs.	Kassie XXXXX	Kassie XXXXX	24/7 Daily

III. TERMINATION

FLORIDA SAFETY DECISION MAKING METHODOLOGY

Child Safety Plan

Termination Date: 05/27/2014

Reason Plan is No Longer Required: Present Danger to Impending Danger

Other Reason Plan is No Longer Required:

IV. SIGNATURES

Caregiver: Date:

Caregiver: Date:

Other: Date:

Other: Date:

Worker: Date:

Supervisor: Date:

Worker will provide a copy to persons included in the plan to ensure child safety

Original: Caregiver

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FLORIDA SAFETY METHODOLOGY

Information Collection and Family Functioning Assessment

Case Name: XXXXX, LINDA

Initial Intake Received Date: 05/10/2014

Worker Name: XXXXX, XXXXX

Date Completed: 05/30/2014

FSFN Case ID: XXXXXXXXX

Intake/Investigation ID: XXXX-XXXXX

I. MALTREATMENT AND NATURE OF MALTREATMENT

What is the extent of the maltreatment? What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment?

Allegations: The abuse report was received on 5/10/14 Linda was Baker Acted and is not making safe decisions for her child, Isabella XXXXX, who is 12 months old.

The report is closing with Verified Findings for Inadequate Supervision, as to the father. Verified Findings for Family Violence as to both parents, and Verified Findings of Threatened Harm as to the mother. . The mother, Linda XXXXX, was cutting herself and acting out of control on 5/10/14 when EMS transported her to Shands Emergency Room, which resulted in the mother being Baker Acted and taken to CSU at Meridian. The mother is mentally unstable, with a history of mental health issues, including depression and panic attacks, since she was a teenager, and she has no home in which to care for the child, Isabella, at this time. The mother has panic attacks and rocks the child back and forth in a clutching position. The mother states she hears voices talking to her and they tell her to kill the father. The mother will leave with the baby and no one knows where she goes. Earlier this year the mother ran off in the woods with the baby after the father told her she needed to get back on her mental health medications. The mother took the child and went off with a person she had just met on Facebook , did not know where she was when the mother called the paternal grandmother, who had her cell phone pinged to locate them, and the grandmother went and retrieved them. The mother does not put Isabella's needs ahead of her own. Linda will sit and let Isabella cry for long periods of time without going to Isabella to comfort her by picking her up or seeing to her needs. Linda will let Isabella stay in her crib without getting up to check on her until late morning which sometimes is around 11:00 am and Isabella has a very wet diaper and has been crying for hours. Isabella will develop rashes and sores from the wet diapers. Linda has let Isabella fall off the couch several times, not preventing it from happening again and has let Isabella fall out of the crib.
Brian works all hours as a farm hand and is very verbal that he is not able to raise his child at this time. Brian is trying to get on his feet and appears to not feel the support from Linda that is needed in their relationship and to care for the needs of their child. He does not feel Linda is able mentally to take care of Isabella and is very concerned while he is working. However, the plan upon the mother's discharge from the Baker Act was for life in their family to resume as normal, whereby he would still go to work 5-6 days a week for an unknown amount of time, leaving the mother to be the primary caregiver to the child.

Related Impending Danger Threats **Based on case information specific to the Extent of Maltreatment and Circumstances Surrounding Maltreatment Assessment domains, indicate Yes, Impending Danger exists or No, Impending Danger does not exist.**	**Impending Danger Threat?** **Yes**	**No**
Parent's/Legal Guardian's or Caregiver's intentional and willful act caused serious physical injury to the child, or the parent/legal guardian or caregiver intended to seriously injure the child.	☐	☒
Child has a serious illness or injury (indicative of child abuse) that is unexplained, or the Parent's/Legal Guardian's or Caregiver's explanations are inconsistent with the illness or injury.	☐	☒
The child's physical living conditions are hazardous and a child has already been seriously injured or will likely be seriously injured. The living conditions seriously endanger the child's physical health.	☐	☒
There are reports of serious harm and the child's whereabouts cannot be determined and/or there is a reason to believe that the family is about to flee to avoid agency intervention and/or the family refuses access to the child to assess for serious harm.	☐	☒
Parent/Legal Guardian or Caregiver is not meeting the child's essential medical needs AND the child is has already been seriously harmed or will likely be serious harmed.	☐	☒
Other. Explain:	☐	☒

II. CHILD FUNCTIONING

How does the child function on a daily basis? Include physical health, development; emotion and temperament; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; educational performance; peer relations; behaviors that seem to provoke parent/caregiver reaction/behavior; activities with family and others. Include a description of each child's vulnerability based on threats identified.

XXXXX, ISABELLA
Isabella is a one year old year old infant who is normal in height and weight. She has recently begun to walk and run. She is able to hold her own bottle and sippy cup. She can say the grandmother's dogs name, bye-bye, hi, no and other small words for her age. Her grandmother describes her as a happy and wonderful baby, smiles and laughs a lot, she is learning independence since she has begun to walk. Because of her age, Isabella is highly dependent upon caregivers to provide for her care and safety.
XXXXX, AMANDA
Is child in home where Isabella was placed - not subject of investigation

Related Child Functioning Impending Danger Threats: **Based on case information specific to the Child Functioning Assessment domain, indicate Yes, Impending Danger exists or No, Impending Danger does not exist.**	**Impending Danger Threat?** **Yes**	**No**
Child shows serious emotional symptoms requiring intervention and/or lacks behavioral control and/or exhibits self-destructive behavior that the Parent/Legal Guardian or Caregiver are unwilling or unable to manage.	☐	☒

III. ADULT FUNCTIONING

How does the adult function on a daily basis? Overall life management. Include assessment and analysis of prior child abuse/neglect history, criminal behavior, impulse control, substance use/abuse, violence and domestic violence, mental health; include an assessment of the adult's physical health, emotion and temperament, cognitive ability; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; education; peer and family relations, employment, etc.

XXXXX, BRIAN
Brian is a 19 year old white male, He is employed as a farm hand at a local farm in Trenton, Florida. He works long and various hours. If he is called to go to work he goes. Brian has no criminal history or local history in Florida. He has no DCF history as a father. Brian has a temper and a short fuse. These actions are a result of the conflict between him and the mother. Kassie admits that Brian is unable to be a father at this time and has been very verbal about that fact. He did not complete High School, however acquired his GED but has no higher education. He reports no mental health diagnosis. Brian has no history of alcohol abuse or drug abuse. Brian had a good childhood and stability. Although Brian has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, this does appear to impact his physical abilities in his daily life. Brian works long and hard hours to try and make a better life for his family. There is a reported history of DV between Linda and Brian. Brain admits he has pushed Linda down on the bed, thrown dirty diapers at her, and pulled her hair.
XXXXX, LINDA
Linda is a 20 year old young mother who is unemployed and a stay at home mom. She never completed high school. She wants to go back and get her GED. She has prior DCF history in Florida with two past reports as a mother both closed with no indicators, but mental health issues were a concerning factor in her past DCF history. She has no local criminal history in Florida. She has no history of drugs or alcohol abuse in her past. She has no relationship with her mother and family, as she was removed from her parents for sexual abuse by the mother's paramour, and adopted by her grandmother. The only support she has is Brian's family. She is isolated in that she lives so far out of town and has no transportation. She has mental illnesses that are making her life difficult to manage along with stressors like money issues and isolation. She is diagnosed with anxiety, depression, and panic disorders, according to Brian she was supposed to be taking psychotropic medications, but was not taking them. There is a reported history of DV between Linda and Brian. Linda admits she has thrown objects at the father, put her hands around his neck, kicked him, scratched him, thrown dirty diapers at him, and has threatened to kill the father.

Related Adult Functioning Impending Danger Threats: **Based on case information specific to the Adult Functioning Assessment domain, indicate Yes, Impending Danger exists or No, Impending Danger does not exist.**	**Impending Danger Threat?** **Yes**	**No**
Parent/Legal Guardian or Caregiver is violent, impulsive, or acting dangerously in ways that seriously harmed the child or will likely seriously harm to the child.	☒	☐

IV. PARENTING

General – What are the overall, typical, parenting practices used by the parents/legal guardians? Discipline/Behavior Management – What are the disciplinary approaches used by the parents/legal guardians, and under what circumstances?

XXXXX, BRIAN

Brian is a 19 year old father. He states that he loves being a parent seeing all the new things Isabella experiences in life, but he feels he works too much to care for his child as needed. He appears to be positively bonded with the child. He appears to lack the ability to protect the child as he witnessed the things Linda was doing as a parent that concerned him for the safety of his child and he never put his child first and protected his child by making sure Isabella was out of that environment and safe from harm. Brian does all he can to provide for his family and wants the best for his child, however, the plan upon the mother's discharge from the Baker Act was for life in their family to resume as normal, whereby he would still go to work 5-6 days a week for an unknown amount of time, leaving the mother to be the primary caregiver to the child.

XXXXX, LINDA

Linda is a 20 year old mother. She speaks highly of her child saying Isabella is a good girl and smart. Linda does not believe in physical discipline. Her primary method of discipline is talking to Isabella and saying "no". She sometimes, but not often enough according to Brian, cleans, cooks, and takes care of her child. She is not very protective of Isabella and she makes choices which are not safe for the child like taking her child into woods at night or by leaving the home and getting rides from strangers she has met on Facebook. Linda stated she loves her child and she does appear to love her, but is not bonded in a protective way where her child comes first before her own needs. Linda has mental health problems that impede her ability to care for her child at this time.

Related Parenting Impending Danger Threats: **Based on case information specific to the Parenting General and Parent Discipline Assessment domains, indicate Yes, Impending Danger exists or No, Impending Danger does not exist.**	**Impending Danger Threat?** **Yes**	**No**
Parent/Legal Guardian or Caregiver is not meeting child's basic and essential needs for food, clothing, and/or supervision AND the child is/has already been seriously harmed or will likely be seriously harmed.	☒	☐
Parent/Legal Guardian or Caregiver is threatening to seriously harm the child and/or parent/legal guardian or caregiver is fearful he/she will seriously harm the child.	☐	☒
Parent/legal guardian or caregiver views child and/or acts toward the child in extremely negative ways AND such behavior has or will result in serious harm to the child.	☐	☒

V. PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN PROTECTIVE CAPACITIES ANALYSIS

Adults	Capacity Categories and Types																		
	Behavioral						Cognitive						Emotional						
	Controls Impulses	Takes Action	Sets aside own needs for child	Demonstrates adequate skills	Adaptive as a Parent/Legal Guardian	History of Protecting	Is self aware	Is intellectually able	Recognizes threats	Recognizes child's needs	Understands protective role	Plans and articulates plans for protection	Meets own emotional needs	Is resilient	Is tolerant	Is stable	Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity to the child	Is positively attached with child	Is aligned and supports the child
XXXXX, BRIAN	N	N	Y	N	N		Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
XXXXX, LINDA	N	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N

Parent/Legal Guardian Protective Capacity Determination Summary:

Protective capacities are sufficient to manage identified threats of danger in relation to child's vulnerability? Yes ☐ No ☒

VI. CHILD SAFETY DETERMINATION AND SUMMARY

Child	**Safety Determination**
XXXXX, AMANDA	☒ Safe – No impending danger safety threats that meet the safety threshold.

	☐ Safe – Impending danger threats are being effectively controlled and managed by a parent/legal guardian in the home. ☐ Unsafe
XXXXX, ISABELLA	☐ Safe – No impending danger safety threats that meet the safety threshold. ☐ Safe – Impending danger threats are being effectively controlled and managed by a parent/legal guardian in the home. ☒ Unsafe

Child Safety Analysis Summary:

The mother has anxiety, depression, and panic attacks and does not always make the best decisions, which put her child at risk for harm as well as mentally she is unable to care for her child and meet the child's basic needs. The father works too much and was not protective of the child. The father allowed the mother to continuously have behaviors towards the child which he saw as unstable and could harm his child and did not take action to develop a plan of protection for the child.

SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

The Parent/Legal Guardians are willing for an in-home safety plan to be developed and implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with all identified safety service providers.

The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an in-home safety plan to be implemented and for safety service providers to be in the home safely.

Safety services are available at a sufficient level and to the degree necessary in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home.

An in-home safety plan and the use of in-home safety services can sufficiently manage impending danger without the results of scheduled professional evaluations.

The Parent/Legal Guardians have a physical location in which to implement an in-home safety plan.

Summarize reason for Out of Home Safety Plan or removal/placement (if applicable), and conditions for return. Conditions for return should be related to reasons for removal and behaviorally based. These are parent/legal guardian actions and behaviors that must be demonstrated over time to sufficiently address the impending danger and allow for the child to safely return home.

There must be a responsible adult in the home who is positively aligned with the child and is able to recognize and take action to protect the child. A psychological evaluation is needed on the mother to see if she has the capacity to parent safely.

FLORIDA SAFETY DECISION MAKING METHODOLOGY

Child Safety Plan

Case Name:	XXXXX, LINDA	**Intake/Investigation ID:**	XXXX-XXXXX
Worker Name:	XXXXX, XXXXX	**Effective Date:**	05/12/2014
Safety Plan Purpose:	Impending Danger Safety Plan	**Safety Plan Type:**	☒ Individual(s) ☐ Family

Child Name	Date of Birth	Age
XXXXX, Isabella	XX/XX/XXXX	1

I. DANGER THREAT(S) DESCRIPTION

Specific Threats to Child Safety – Describe safety concerns that would pose present or impending danger

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II. SAFETY PLAN

Actions to Keep Child Safe	Who is Responsible for the Action?	Resources or People Who Will Help	Freq. of Intervention
The grandmother, Kassie XXXXX and the father, Brian XXXXX agree to leave the child, Isabella XXXXX in the grandmother's care at the grandmother's home and the grandmother will provide all the child's needs.	Kassie XXXX	Kassie XXXX	24/7 Daily

III. TERMINATION

FLORIDA SAFETY DECISION MAKING METHODOLOGY

Child Safety Plan

Termination Date:	05/14/2014
Reason Plan is No Longer Required:	Other
Other Reason Plan is No Longer Required:	Court ordered shelter of child

IV. SIGNATURES

Caregiver:	Date:
Caregiver:	Date:
Other:	Date:
Other:	Date:
Worker:	Date:
Supervisor:	Date:

Worker will provide a copy to persons included in the plan to ensure child safety

Original: Caregiver

Copy: File

FLORIDA SAFETY METHODOLGY
Family Functioning Assessment - Ongoing

Case Name: XXXXX, LINDA **FSFN Case ID:** XXXXXXX **Date of Most Recent Safety Plan:** 07/08/2014

Worker Name: XXXXX, XXXXX **Approval Date:** 00/00/0000

I. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Child Name	Date of Birth	Primary Goal	Concurrent Goal	Current Placement
XXXXX, Isabella	XXXXXXX	Reunification with parent(s)	Adoption	Relative, Relative Placement

Parent/ Legal Guardian(s)/ Other Adult Household Members in Caregiving Role:	
Name	Date of Birth
XXXXX, Brian	XXXXXX
XXXXX, Linda	XXXXXX

Family Support Network	
Name	Role

II. MALTREATMENT AND NATURE OF MALTREATMENT

What is the extent of the maltreatment? What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment?

Allegations: The abuse report was received on 5/10/14 Linda was Baker Acted and is not making safe decisions for her child, Isabella XXXXX, who is 12 months old.

The report is closing with Verified Findings for Inadequate Supervision, as to the father. Verified Findings for Family Violence as to both parents, and Verified Findings of Threatened Harm as to the mother. The mother, Linda, was cutting herself and acting out of control on 5/10/14 when EMS transported her to Shands Emergency Room, which resulted in the mother being Baker Acted and taken to CSU at Meridian. The mother is mentally unstable, with a history of mental health issues, including depression and panic attacks, since she was a teenager, and she has no home in which to care for the child, Isabella, at this time. The mother has panic attacks and rocks the child back and forth in a clutching position. The mother states she hears voices talking to her and they tell her to kill the father. The mother will leave with the baby and no one knows where she goes. Earlier this year the mother ran off in the woods with the baby after the father told her she needed to get back on her mental health medications. The mother took the child and went off with a person she had just met on Facebook , did not know where she was when the mother called the paternal grandmother, who had her cell phone pinged to locate them, and the grandmother went and retrieved them. The mother does not put Isabella's needs ahead of her own. Linda will sit and let Isabella cry for long periods of time without going to Isabella to comfort her by picking her up or seeing to her needs. Linda will let Isabella stay in her crib without getting up to check on her until late morning which sometimes is around 11:00 am and Isabella has a very wet diaper and has been crying for hours. Isabella will develop rashes and sores from the wet diapers. Linda has let Isabella fall off the couch several times, not preventing it from happening again and has let Isabella fall out of the crib.
Brian works all hours as a farm hand and is very verbal that he is not able to raise his child at this time. Brian is trying to get on his feet and appears to not feel the support from Linda that is needed in their relationship and to care for the needs of their child. He does not feel Linda is able mentally to take care of Isabella and is very concerned while he is working. However, the plan upon the mother's discharge from the Baker Act was for life in their family to resume as normal, whereby he would still go to work 5-6 days a week for an unknown amount of time, leaving the mother to be the primary caregiver to the child.

Additional Ongoing Information

III. CHILD FUNCTIONING

How does the child function on a daily basis? Include physical health, development; emotion and temperament; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; educational performance; peer relations; behaviors that seem to provoke parent/caregiver reaction/behavior; activities with family and others. Include a description of each child's vulnerability based on threats identified.

XXXXX, Isabella

Isabella is a one-year old infant who appears to developing normally for a child her age. The child walks, crawls, runs, and can hold her own bottle and sippy cup. The is also able to say a couple words such as mammy for grandma, grandma, aunty, Abby which is the dog's name, hi, and bye. The caregiver have stated that the child is very easy going and a very happy baby. The child also seems to have the ability to learn things quickly and is described as a very smart baby. The child appears to be healthy overall and does not have any health concerns.

IV. ADULT FUNCTIONING

How does the adult function on a daily basis? Overall life management. Include assessment and analysis of prior child abuse/neglect history, criminal behavior, impulse control, substance use/abuse, violence and domestic violence, mental health; include an assessment of the adult's physical health, emotion and temperament, cognitive ability; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; education; peer and family relations, employment, etc.

XXXXX, Brian

Brian is a 19 year old father. He is employed at a farm hand at a local farm in Trenton, Florida. The father has stated that he works very long hours and when prompted to come in, he will go, but he does not have a set schedule. The father has admitted to have a temper, short fuse, and possibly needing anger management. Brian's temper has led to disputes with the mother (Linda), the paternal grandmother, and his sister. He stated he tries to avoid fights with his mother out of respect for her but they sometime get into it. He says his temper is a lot better now than it has been in the past. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Brain admits he has pushed Linda down on the bed, thrown dirty diapers at her, and pulled her hair. Despite this, the father has no criminal history, no DCF history as a father, nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The father did not complete high school but has his GED, which is also the highest education he has attained. The father has Cerebral Palsy, which causes some daily physical limitations but the father has learn to work through them. The father currently does not take treatment for this condition and states that he use to wear a brace for it which he has not worn in over 15 years. The father reported having no other health issues. The father stated that his childhood was pretty normal aside from his parents divorce which he said led to the typical divorce complications which made things a bit aggravating. The father stated that he spent most of his time with his grandfather helping out on the farm most of his childhood until his passing in 2007. The father further stated that May 19, 2014, has made it 2 years since being with Linda; this is his longest relationship and he says that they "met online and the rest was history." The father stated that they would typically fight about Linda's attitude when she is not on her medication because she demands things that get him upset and make him lose his temper. The father views his parents and siblings as a support system and expresses a strong desire to be able to provide for his family.

XXXXX, Linda

Linda is a 20-year old young mother. Linda never completed high school and is unemployed but stated that she would like to go back to get her GED. The mother has admitted to having a temper problem and several mental health issues that include depression, anxiety, and panic attacks which she was first diagnosed with when she was about 11 years old. These factors have led to Linda having constant disputes with the father (Brian). The mother stated that she stopped taking her medication because she thought she was pregnant and cannot take such medication during pregnancy, but reports she has since determined she is not pregnant and is back on her medication. The mother also stated that she has transportation to her appointments and Brian supports her in getting treated. The mother stated that she is not on Medicaid but only has to pay a co-pay of $3 for appointments which she can afford. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Linda admits she has thrown objects at the father, put her hands around his neck, kicked him, scratched him, thrown dirty diapers at him, and has threatened to kill the father. Despite this, the mother has neither criminal history nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The mother does have prior DCF history with two past reports as a mother both closed with no indicators; in these reports, the mother's mental health issues were a concerning factor. The mother has reported as suffering from depression all of her life and reports that she wants to improve this. Since removal, the mother has stated that she has gotten back on her meds and made a follow-up appointment with her doctor set in June 2014 being that she started taking her medications again and they have recently finished. The mother has identified finances, lack of transportation, her relationship with Brian, and the distance of her home as being some of her

stressors. The mother describes her childhood as being okay and being adopted at the age of 6 by her foster mother. She attributes the start of her depression to being able to see her biological mother regularly until one Christmas her mother said she would come by and never returned. The mother stated that after this point she would stare out the window all the time and did not get back in contact with her mother until she was 18. The mother stated she is not in contact with her adoptive mother being that she disowned her due to not liking that she is with Brian "just because." The mother stated that she remains in contact with her 4 adoptive sisters, 3 adoptive brothers, and 2 adoptive nieces.

V. PARENTING

General – What are the overall, typical, parenting practices used by the parents/legal guardians? Discipline/Behavior Management – What are the disciplinary approaches used by the parents/legal guardians, and under what circumstances?

XXXXX, Brian

The father has stated that he loves his child and being a parent. The father has also admitted to working too many hours to be there for his child as much as he should be. The father works 5-6 days a week and is often times gone all day. Though this allows the father to be able to provide for the child, this prevents the child from being protected from the impulsive behaviors of the mother who is left at home with the child. The father has witnessed the mother do things that he has admitted concerned him for the child's safety. The father failed to make protective provisions for the child while he was not home. The father stated that he would come home from work and see that the child's diapers was dirty and that the floor was dirty. The father stated this would upset him and cause him to get a temper. The father further stated that whenever he was home, he cleaned each of the child's diapers. The father has admitted to having DV with the mother in the presence of the child. The father appears to love the child and show her the affection but fails to ensure the protection and safety that she needs. The father stated that if he could do things differently he would put his foot down a bit more and that he needs to work on is communicating "putting his foot down" without losing his temper.

XXXXX, Linda

The mother has stated that she loves her daughter and wants to be a good mother to her. The mother stated that her child is good, smart, and happy. The mother reported that she is a stay at home mom and that she would clean, cook, and care for the child, but the father stated that she did not do this often. It appears that the mother did not ensure the child was fed, cleaned regularly, and tended to when needed, but delegated these responsibilities to the father, even if it meant waiting on the father to come home to do it. The child is an infant and not able to make these provisions for herself. The mother states that she understands how her mental health affects her ability to parent but has not acted in a way that reflects this recognition. The mother has done several impulsive things with the child, such as run off in the woods with her because she was upset at the father, and has left with strangers, and left the child with them, as well. The mother states that she is now back on her medication and can see the effects of her actions without them. The mother stated that if she can do things differently she would be a better mother and make that the child was clean and never left alone. The mother further stated that she has been battling with depression all of her life and would like to work on improving it, as this affects her daily functioning as a parent.

VI. REASON FOR ONGOING INVOLVEMENT

Danger Statement (Develop in collaboration with the family)

The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the ability to protect their child from harm and meet her basic needs. The parents have had ongoing domestic violence in the presence of the child and the mother has significant mental health issues that have gone untreated. The father admits that he knew about the mother's mental health status, and observed that her impulsive actions and failure to meet the child's basic needs were putting the child at risk, however, he failed to take action to protect the child from harm. The mother reports having a long history of mental health issues, including past diagnosis and treatment, however, she has not followed through with recommended treatment or ongoing care to ensure that her mental health did not affect her ability to parent the child safely and effectively.

VII. FAMILY CHANGE STRATEGY

Family Goal: Describe how the family will be functioning when all children are safe and the family is able to independently meet the needs of their children. (Developed in collaboration with the family.)

FLORIDA SAFETY METHODOLGY
Family Functioning Assessment - Ongoing

The parents will have a safe and stable home and be able to provide for the child's basic needs. The child will be able to rely on the parents for love, support, and protection. The parents will demonstrate that they are consistently able to manage their impulses so that DV and mental health issues do not expose the child to danger. The parents will make life choices that do not negatively impact their ability to care for and protect their child.

Ideas: Describe ideas parent/legal guardian, worker, child or other network members have for moving toward the Family Goal.
The parents will demonstrate that they are able to control their impulses by refraining from domestic violence, treating mental health issues as prescribed, and putting their child's needs before their own. This should be a priority so that the parents can provide for the child's care and protection.

Potential Barriers: Describe things that could get in the way of change from the family's perspective and/or the family team's perspective.
Possible barriers will include the parents failure to develop a healthy relationship with their child by visiting consistently and being appropriate during visits; their failure take on parental responsibilities, instead relying on others to do this for them; their failure to maintain contact with the Family Care Counselor; their failure to engage in treatment services upon her release; and, their failure to demonstrate skill attainment, this will also hinder change.

VIII. CHILD NEED INDICATORS

Children	Child Needs									
	Emotional/ Trauma	Behavioral (e.g. risk taking behavior, runaway, etc)	Development	Education	Physical Health/ Disability	Family Relationships	Peer/ Adult Relationships	Cultural Identity	Substance Awareness	Life Skills Development
XXXXX, Isabella	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	

IX. PRIORITY NEEDS

	Rating	Include in Case Plan?

If the parent is meeting the need, describe their actions. If the parent needs support or assistance to meet the needs of the child, the need will be addressed in the Case Plan.
The child is an infant and appears to be very resilient to the situations that she has dealt with while in the care of her parents. The parents have deficits in caregiver protective capacities that put the child at serious risk of harm.

X. PROTECTIVE CAPACITIES

Adults	Capacity Categories and Types		
	Behavioral	Cognitive	Emotional

	Controls Impulses	Takes Action	Sets aside own needs for child	Demonstrates adequate skills	Adaptive as a Parent/Legal Guardian	History of Protecting	Is self aware	Is intellectually able	Recognizes threats	Recognizes child's needs	Understands protective role	Plans and articulates plans for protection	Meets own emotional needs	Is resilient	Is tolerant	Is stable	Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity to the child	Is positively attached with child	Is aligned and supports the child
XXXXX, Brian	C	C	C	C	B		C	B	C	C	C	D	C	B	C	C	B	C	C
XXXXX, Linda	D	D	D	C	C		C	C	D	C	D	D	D	D	C	C	B	C	C

XI. PRIORITY NEEDS

XXXXX, Brian	Rating	Include in Case Plan?
Plans and articulates plans for protection	D	Y
Controls Impulses	C	Y
Takes Action	C	Y
Sets aside own needs for child	C	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Recognizes threats	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Understands protective role	C	Y
Meets own emotional needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is stable	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y
Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y
XXXXX, Linda	Rating	Include in Case Plan?
Controls Impulses	D	Y
Takes Action	D	Y
Sets aside own needs for child	D	Y
Recognizes threats	D	Y
Understands protective role	D	Y
Plans and articulates plans for protection	D	Y
Meets own emotional needs	D	Y
Is resilient	D	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Adaptive as a Parent/Legal Guardian	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Is intellectually able	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is stable	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y

Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y

If a diminished protective capacity will not be addressed in the Case Plan, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

XII. MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE

Adult	Motivation
XXXXX, Brian	Contemplation
XXXXX, Linda	Contemplation

XIII. IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING (removal home)

The Parent/Legal Guardians are willing for an in-home safety plan to be developed and implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with all identified safety service providers.	No
The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an in-home safety plan to be implemented and for safety service providers to be in the home safely	No
Safety services are available at a sufficient level and to the degree necessary in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home.	No
An in-home safety plan and the use of in-home safety services can sufficiently manage impending danger without the results of scheduled professional evaluations.	No
The Parent/Legal Guardians have a physical location in which to implement an in-home safety plan	No

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan.

Out-of-Home Safety Plan is the only protective intervention possible for one or more children (whether family designated arrangement or removal/placement). Summarize reason for Out-of-Home Safety Plan or Removal/Placement (if applicable), and Conditions for Return. Conditions for return should indicate what must change for an In-Home Safety Plan to be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services are implemented.
At this time, the parents have not demonstrated behavioral changes or engaged in any treatment services to reduce the risk to the child in order for the child to return safely to either of the parents' home. The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the inability to provide for the child's basic needs. Conditions for Return to the Parent: 1) The parents must demonstrate a willingness to develop and implement a safety plan for the children to safely return to the home. The mother needs to maintain consistent contact with the Family Care Counselor in order to arrange needed treatment services to assist the mother in behavioral changes. The parents need to begin to establish a meaningful relationship with the child and demonstrate an interest in the child and her needs. 2) The parents must have a calm and consistent home environment where the child can reside and in which an in-home safety plan can be implemented. The parents will need to be able to demonstrate that they can provide for the child's basic needs. The parents will need to demonstrate self-awareness and impulse control. The parents will need to establish sponsors and an appropriate support system to assist them in providing for the children's needs and to keep them safe.

3) The parents must be able to establish a safety plan with others who will be a positive support system. The positive support system must be able to assist the parents in keeping the children safe.

4) The parents must complete any professional evaluations needed, such as (but not limited to), psychological/mental health evaluations. The parents must agree to follow treatment recommendations and be willing to cooperate with treatment providers.

5) The parents need to have a physical location in which an In-Home Safety Plan can be implemented.

XIV. CURRENT SAFETY PLAN ASSESSMENT FOR SUFFICIENCY

☐ Safety plan is sufficient, no need for changes to the plan at this time.

☐ Safety plan is not sufficient, not controlling for child safety or no longer applicable;

☐ change in safety plan is needed. Safety plan is no longer needed.

IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan.

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return should indicate what must change for an In-Home Safety Plan to be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services are implemented.

Based on the determination selected above, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

Notes

Practice: Progress Updates

- Evaluation of progress toward conditions for return
- Evaluation of progress toward enhancing caregiver protective capacities to assure long term independent safety management

Notes

Instructions for Case Progress Update Review

Purpose:

The purpose of this exercise is to provide a practice opportunity that allows participants to evaluate work towards achieving conditions for return, with a focus on stepping down safety plans from out of home plans to in-home plans.

Materials Needed:

- Safety Methodology Reference Guide

Instructions:

1. Working within your small groups, each participant is to review the Case Progress Updates (3 progress updates).
2. When reviewing the case, each participant should be considering:
    a. Case documentation that informs progress (or lack thereof) towards achievement of conditions for return;
    b. Case documentation that focuses on enhancing protective capacity to support long-term independent safety management.
3. Each participant should complete the case review sheet, answering the two questions and discussing the cases with the small group.
4. Conduct a large group report out following small group discussions.

Case Review Worksheet

1. Review the series of Progress Updates in this case, identify case information which supports the judgments made about progress or lack of progress toward achievement of conditions for return.

2. Review the series of Progress Updates in this case, evaluate the progress toward achievement of Outcomes which will support long-term independent safety management. How do you see the safety management and change management functions working together in this case?

FLORIDA SAFETY DECISION MAKING METHODOLOGY
Progress Update

Case Name: XXXXX, LINDA FSFN Case ID: XXXXXXX Date of Most Recent Safety Plan:
Worker Name: XXXXX, XXXXX Approval Date: XX/XX/XXXX

I. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Child Name	Date of Birth	Primary Goal	Concurrent Goal	Current Placement
XXXXX, Isabella	XX/XX/XX	Reunification with parent(s)	Adoption	Relative, Relative Placement

Parent/ Legal Guardian(s)/ Other Adult Household Members in Caregiving Role:	
Name	Date of Birth
XXXXX, Brian	XX/XX/XX
XXXXX, LINDA	XX/XX/XX

Family Support Network	
Name	Role

II. MALTREATMENT AND NATURE OF MALTREATMENT

What is the extent of the maltreatment? What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment?

Allegations: The abuse report was received on 5/10/14 Linda was Baker Acted and is not making safe decisions for her child, Isabella XXXXX, who is 12 months old.

The report is closing with Verified Findings for Inadequate Supervision, as to the father. Verified Findings for Family Violence as to both parents, and Verified Findings of Threatened Harm as to the mother. .The mother, Linda XXXXX, was cutting herself and acting out of control on 5/10/14 when EMS transported her to Shands Emergency Room, which resulted in the mother being Baker Acted and taken to CSU at Meridian. The mother is mentally unstable, with a history of mental health issues, including depression and panic attacks, since she was a teenager, and she has no home in which to care for the child, Isabella, at this time. The mother has panic attacks and rocks the child back and forth in a clutching position. The mother states she hears voices talking to her and they tell her to kill the father. The mother will leave with the baby and no one knows where she goes. Earlier this year the mother ran off in the woods with the baby after the father told her she needed to get back on her mental health medications. The mother took the child and went off with a person she had just met on Facebook , did not know where she was when the mother called the paternal grandmother, who had her cell phone pinged to locate them, and the grandmother went and retrieved them. The mother does not put Isabella's needs ahead of her own. Linda will sit and let Isabella cry for long periods of time without going to Isabella to comfort her by picking her up or seeing to her needs. Linda will let Isabella stay in her crib without getting up to check on her until late morning which sometimes is around 11:00 am and Isabella has a very wet diaper and has been crying for hours. Isabella will develop rashes and sores from the wet diapers. Linda has let Isabella fall off the couch several times, not preventing it from happening again and has let Isabella fall out of the crib.
Brian works all hours as a farm hand and is very verbal that he is not able to raise his child at this time. Brian is trying to get on his feet and appears to not feel the support from Linda that is needed in their relationship and to care for the needs of their child. He does not feel Linda is able mentally to take care of Isabella and is very concerned while he is working. However, the plan upon the mother's discharge from the Baker Act was for life in their family to resume as normal, whereby he would still go to work 5-6 days a week for an unknown amount of time, leaving the mother to be the primary caregiver to the child.

Additional Ongoing Information

The parents are no longer together. The mother has moved to Umatilla, FL with her biological mother, whose rights were terminated when she was a child. The father has placed a restraining order on the mother being that he states he is tired of everything with her and is over it. The child continues to be placed with the maternal grandmother and maternal step-grandfather and is doing really well in this placement.

III. CHILD FUNCTIONING

How does the child function on a daily basis? Include physical health, development; emotion and temperament; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; educational performance; peer relations; behaviors that seem to provoke parent/ caregiver reaction/ behavior; activities with family and others. Include a description of each child's vulnerability based on threats identified.

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How does the adult function on a daily basis? Overall life management. Include assessment and analysis of prior child abuse/ neglect history, criminal behavior, impulse control, substance use/ abuse, violence and domestic violence, mental health; include an assessment of the adult's physical health, emotion and temperament, cognitive ability; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; education; peer and family relations; employment, etc.

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Brian is a 19 year old father. He was previously employed at a farm hand at a local farm in Trenton, Florida where he worked very long hours. However, the father is no longer employed and currently works odd jobs. The father stated that he has applied to work for the city and hopes it can give him something more stable. The father has admitted to have a temper, short fuse, and possibly needing anger management. Brian's temper has led to disputes with the mother (Linda), the paternal grandmother, and his sister. He stated he tries to avoid fights with his mother out of respect for her but they sometime get into it. He says his temper is a lot better now than it has been in the past. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Brain admits he has pushed Linda down on the bed, thrown dirty diapers at her, and pulled her hair. Despite this, the father has no criminal history, no DCF history as a father, nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The father did not complete high school but has his GED, which is also the highest education he has attained. The father has Cerebral Palsy, which causes some daily physical limitations but the father has learn to work through them. The father currently does not take treatment for this condition and states that he use to wear a brace for it which he has not worn in over 15 years. The father reported having no other health issues. The father stated that his childhood was pretty normal aside from his parents divorce which he said led to the typical divorce complications which made things a bit aggravating. The father stated that he spent most of his time with his grandfather helping out on the farm most of his childhood until his passing in 2007. The father further stated that May 19, 2014, has made it 2 years since being with Linda; this was his longest relationship and he says that they "met online and the rest was history." The father stated that they would typically fight about Linda's attitude when she is not on her medication because she demands things that get him upset and make him lose his temper. The father views his parents and siblings as a support system and expresses a strong desire to be able to provide for his family.

The father and the mother are no longer in a relationship and the father has since placed a restraining order on the mother. The father stated that he is fed up with the mother not doing anything. The father stated that she would use the child over his head to stay but since she is not in their care, he has been able to see things more clear and no longer wants to be with her.

XXXXX, LINDA

Linda is a 20-year old young mother. Linda never completed high school and is unemployed but stated that she would like to go back to get her GED. The mother has admitted to having a temper problem and several mental health issues that include depression, anxiety, and panic attacks which she was first diagnosed with when she was about 11 years old. These factors have led to Linda having constant disputes with the father (Brain). The mother stated that she stopped taking her medication because she thought she was pregnant and cannot take such medication during pregnancy, but reports she has since determined she is not pregnant and is back on her medication. The mother also stated that she has transportation to her appointments and Brian supports her in getting treated. The mother stated that she is not on Medicaid but only has to pay a co-pay of $3 for appointments which she can afford. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Linda admits she has thrown objects at the father, put her hands around his neck, kicked him, scratched him, thrown dirty diapers at him, and has threatened to kill the father. Despite this, the mother has neither criminal history nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The mother does have prior DCF history with two past reports as a mother both closed with no indicators; in these reports, the mother's mental health issues were a concerning factor. The mother has reported as suffering from depression all of her life and reports that she wants to improve this. Since removal, the mother has stated that she has gotten back on her meds and made a follow-up appointment with her doctor set in June 2014 being that she started taking her medications again and they have recently finished. The mother has identified finances, lack of transportation, her relationship with Brian, and the distance of her home as being some of her stressors. The mother describes her childhood as being okay and being adopted at the age of 6 by her foster mother. She attributes the start of her depression to being able to see her biological mother regularly until one Christmas her mother said she would come by and never returned. The mother stated that after this point she would stare out the window all the time and did not get back in contact with her mother until she was 18. The mother stated she is not in contact with

her adoptive mother being that she disowned her due to not liking that she is with Brian "just because." The mother stated that she remains in contact with her 4 adoptive sisters, 3 adoptive brothers, and 2 adoptive nieces.
The mother has relocated to Umatilla, FL to reside with her biological mother. The father placed a restraining order on the mother. The mother went to stay with her sister in Gainesville, FL but they returned her to Trenton and told her they cannot deal with her mental health issues. The mother then stated she did not have anywhere else to go and went to her mother.

V. PARENTING

General – What are the overall, typical, parenting practices used by the parents/ legal guardians? Discipline/ Behavior Management – What are the disciplinary approaches used by the parents/ legal guardians, and under what circumstances?

XXXXX, Brian

The father has stated that he loves his child and being a parent. The father has also admitted to working too many hours to be there for his child as much as he should be. The father works 5-6 days a week and is often times gone all day. Though this allows the father to be able to provide for the child, this prevents the child from being protected from the impulsive behaviors of the mother who is left at home with the child. The father has witnessed the mother do things that he has admitted concerned him for the child's safety. The father failed to make protective provisions for the child while he was not home. The father stated that he would come home from work and see that the child's diapers was dirty and that the floor was dirty. The father stated this would upset him and cause him to get a temper. The father further stated that whenever he was home, he cleaned each of the child's diapers. The father has admitted to having DV with the mother in the presence of the child. The father appears to love the child and show her the affection but fails to ensure the protection and safety that she needs. The father stated that if he could do things differently he would put his foot down a bit more and that he needs to work on is communicating "putting his foot down" without losing his temper.

The father initially did not visit with the child on a consistent basis and would seldomly interact with the child when they did visit. The father has since made more attempts to visit with the child since being broken up with the mother and has began to engage with the child more. The father is open to the caregiver's suggestions for visits on how to play with the child. The father has stated that he wants to do whatever he can to get his child back despite not being with the mother and he thinks he can handle parenting alone with resources such as daycare. The father has stated that he is now able to see things that the mother was failing to do more clearly but thought that she would have priority over keeping the child so he did not try to leave with the child but wishes that he did now.

XXXXX, LINDA

The mother has stated that she loves her daughter and wants to be a good mother to her. The mother stated that her child is good, smart, and happy. The mother reported that she is a stay at home mom and that she would clean, cook, and care for the child, but the father stated that she did not do this often. It appears that the mother did not ensure the child was fed, cleaned regularly, and tended to when needed, but delegated these responsibilities to the father, even if it meant waiting on the father to come home to do it. The child is an infant and not able to make these provisions for herself. The mother states that she understands how her mental health affects her ability to parent but has not acted in a way that reflects this recognition. The mother has done several impulsive things with the child, such as run off in the woods with her because she was upset at the father, and has left with strangers, and left the child with them, as well. The mother states that she is now back on her medication and can see the effects of her actions without them. The mother stated that if she can do things differently she would be a better mother and make that the child was clean and never left alone. The mother further stated that she has been battling with depression all of her life and would like to work on improving it, as this affects her daily functioning as a parent.

The mother initially did not consistently visit with the child. Whenever the mother got into a dispute with the father, the mother would suddenly demand to the caregiver to see the child every day. The mother appears to be very emotionally dependent on the father and would transfer this to the child when he is not available. The caregivers are willing to arrange to meet with the mother in Ocala and sends her pictures regularly.

VI. REASONS FOR ONGOING INVOLVEMENT

Danger Statement (Develop in collaboration with the family)

The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the ability to protect their child from harm and meet her basic needs. The parents have had ongoing domestic violence in the presence of the child and the mother has significant mental health issues that have gone untreated. The father admits that he knew about the mother's mental health status, and observed that her impulsive actions and failure to meet the child's basic needs were putting the child at risk, however, he failed to take action to protect the child from harm. The mother reports having a long history of mental health issues, including past diagnosis and treatment, however, she has not followed through with recommended treatment or ongoing care to ensure that her mental health did not affect her ability to parent the child safely and effectively.

VII. FAMILY CHANGE STRATEGY

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Family Goal: Describe how the family will be functioning when all children are safe and the family is able to independently meet the needs of their children. (Developed in collaboration with the family)

The parents will have a safe and stable home and be able to provide for the child's basic needs. The child will be able to rely on the parents for love, support, and protection. The parents will demonstrate that they are consistently able to manage their impulses so that DV and mental health issues do not expose the child to danger. The parents will make life choices that do not negatively impact their ability to care for and protect their child.

Ideas: Describe parent/ legal guardian, worker, child or other network members have for moving toward the Family Goal.

The parents will demonstrate that they are able to control their impulses by refraining from domestic violence, treating mental health issues as prescribed, and putting their child's needs before their own. This should be a priority so that the parents can provide for the child's care and protection.

Potential Barriers: Describe things that could get in the way of change from the family's perspective and/ or the family team's perspective.

Possible barriers will include the parents failure to develop a healthy relationship with their child by visiting consistently and being appropriate during visits; their failure take on parental responsibilities, instead relying on others to do this for them; their failure to maintain contact with the Family Care Counselor; their failure to engage in treatment services upon her release; and, their failure to demonstrate skill attainment, this will also hinder change.

VIII. CHILD NEED INDICATORS

Children	Child Needs									
	Emotional/ Trauma	Behavioral (e.g. risk taking behavior, runaway, etc.)	Development	Education	Physical Health/ Disability	Family Relationships	Peer./ Adult Relationships	Cultural Identity	Substance Awareness	Life Skills Development
XXXXX, Isabella	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	

IX. PRIORITY NEEDS

	Rating	Parent Meeting Needs?

If the parent is meeting the need, describe their actions. If the parent needs support or assistance to meet the needs of the child, the need will be addressed in the Case Plan.

X. PROTECTIVE CAPACITIES

Adults	Capacity Categories and Types		
	Behavioral	Cognitive	Emotional

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	Controls Impulses	Takes Action	Sets aside own needs for Child	Demonstrates adequate skills	Adaptive as a Parent/ Legal Guardian	History of Protecting	Is self aware	Is intellectually able	Recognizes threats	Recognizes child's needs	Understands protective role	Plans and articulates plans for protection	Meets own emotional needs	Is resilient	Is tolerant	Is stable	Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity to the child	Is positively attached with child	Is aligned and supports the child
XXXXX, Brian	C	B	D	C	B	B	C	B	B	C	C	C	C	B	C	B	B	C	C
XXXXX, LINDA	D	D	D	C	C	B	C	C	D	C	D	D	D	D	C	C	B	C	C

XI. PRIORITY NEEDS

XXXXX, Brian	Rating	Include in Case Plan?
Sets aside own needs for child	D	Y
Controls Impulses	C	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Understands protective role	C	Y
Plans and articulates plans for protection	C	Y
Meets own emotional needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y
Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y

XXXXX, LINDA	Rating	Include in Case Plan?
Controls Impulses	D	Y
Takes Action	D	Y
Sets aside own needs for child	D	Y
Recognizes threats	D	Y
Understands protective role	D	Y
Plans and articulates plans for protection	D	Y
Meets own emotional needs	D	Y
Is resilient	D	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Adaptive as a Parent/Legal Guardian	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Is intellectually able	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is stable	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y
Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y

If diminished protective capacity will not be addressed in the Case Plan, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

XII. MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE

Adult	Motivation
XXXXX, Brian	Preparation
XXXXX, LINDA	Contemplation

XIII. IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING (removal home)

The Parent/Legal Guardians are willing for an In-Home Safety Plan to be developed and implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with all identified safety service providers.	No
The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an In-Home Safety Plan to be implemented and for safety service providers to be in the home safely.	No
Safety services are available at a sufficient level and to the degree necessary in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home.	No
An In-Home Safety Plan and the use of In-Home safety services can sufficiently manage impending danger without the results of scheduled professional evaluations.	No
The Parent/Legal Guardians have a physical location in which to implement an In-Home Safety Plan.	No

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan

Out-of-Home Safety Plan is the only protective intervention possible for one or more children (whether family designated arrangement or removal/ placement). Summarize reason for Out-of-Home Safety Plan or Removal/ Placement (if applicable), and Conditions for Return. Conditions for return should indicate what must change for an In-Home Safety Plan to be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services are implemented.
At this time, the parents have not demonstrated behavioral changes or engaged in any treatment services to reduce the risk to the child in order for the child to return safely to either of the parents' home. The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the inability to provide for the child's basic needs. Conditions for Return to the Parent: 1) The parents must demonstrate a willingness to develop and implement a safety plan for the children to safely return to the home. The mother needs to maintain consistent contact with the Family Care Counselor in order to arrange needed treatment services to assist the mother in behavioral changes. The parents need to begin to establish a meaningful relationship with the child and demonstrate an interest in the child and her needs. 2) The parents must have a calm and consistent home environment where the child can reside and in which an in-home safety plan can be implemented. The parents will need to be able to demonstrate that they can provide for the child's basic needs. The parents will need to demonstrate self-awareness and impulse control. The parents will need to establish sponsors and an appropriate support system to assist them in providing for the children's needs and to keep them safe. 3) The parents must be able to establish a safety plan with others who will be a positive support system. The positive support system must be able to assist the parents in keeping the children safe. 4) The parents must complete any professional evaluations needed, such as (but not limited to), psychological/mental health evaluations. The parents must agree to follow treatment recommendations and be willing to cooperate with treatment providers.

5) The parents need to have a physical location in which an In-Home Safety Plan can be implemented.

XIV. CURRENT SAFETY PLAN ASSESSMENT FOR SUFFICIENCY

☐ Safety plan is sufficient, no need for changes to the plan at this time.

☐ Safety plan is not sufficient, not controlling for child safety or no longer applicable; change in safety plan is needed.

☐ Safety plan is no longer needed.

IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan.

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Based on the determination selected above, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

XV. OUTCOME(S) EVALUATION

OUTCOME # 1 Brian XXXXX is able to demonstrate the skills necessary to parent his child safely and effectively.
Outcome Achievement: Mr. XXXXX is able to demonstrate knowledge of child development, safety risks, and the need for age appropriate supervision, and is able to demonstrate that he can use his knowledge to parent safely and effectively.
Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, Brian — **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, Brian	Parenting Class; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations that may result from participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Trenton, FL	07/22/2014	Yes	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete

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Parent Education/Training		Parenting Group			No		
Who	**Actions/Tasks**	**Est. Completion Date**	**Responsible Party for Cost**	**Location of Delivery of Services**	**Date of Service Referral**	**Service Referral Request Needed**	**Freq of Service**
XXXXX, Brian	In-Home Parenting Mentoring, upon Reunification. Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider during participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	At home.		No	Weekly

Provider Name	**FSFN Provider**	**Provider Address**	**Provider Phone Number**	**Provider Email**
XXXXX	No			

Service Category	**Service Type**	**Task Complete**
Parent Education/Training	In-home Parenting	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☒ Adequate
- ☐ Not Adequate
- ☐ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: Brian XXXXX has completed his parenting courses and will be scheduled for in-home parenting if he is reunified.

OUTCOME # 2 Brian XXXXX is able to manage his mental health effectively so that he can parent safely and effectively. The father's mental health will not negatively impact his ability to parent.

Outcome Achievement: Mr. XXXXX will demonstrate the ability to effectively manage his mental health in an effort to keep it from interfering with his ability to safely provide for and protect his child.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, Brian | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	**Actions/Tasks**	**Est. Completion Date**	**Responsible Party for Cost**	**Location of Delivery of Services**	**Date of Service Referral**	**Service Referral Request Needed**	**Freq of Service**
XXXXX, Brian	Psychological Evaluation; Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider that may result from participation in this evaluation.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	06/03/2014	Yes	One-Time

Provider Name	**FSFN Provider**	**Provider Address**	**Provider Phone Number**	**Provider Email**
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	**Service Type**	**Task Complete**
Assessment & Evaluation	Psychological Evaluation	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

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☐ Excellent
☐ Adequate
☒ Not Adequate
☐ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: Brian has completed a psychological evaluation and Batterers Intervention Program was recommended. He has not yet engaged.

OUTCOME # 3 Linda XXXXX is able to demonstrate the skills necessary to parent safely and effectively.

Outcome Achievement: Ms. XXXXX demonstrates knowledge of child development, safety risks, and the need for age appropriate supervision, and is able to demonstrate that he can parent safely and effectively.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, LINDA | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	Parenting Class; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations that may result from participation in this service.	XX/XX/XXXX	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	XXXXX, FL		No	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	No			

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	Parenting Group	No

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	In-Home Parenting Mentoring, upon Reunification. Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider during participation in this service.	XX/XX/XXXX	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	At home.		No	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	In-home Parenting	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

☐ Excellent
☐ Adequate
☒ Not Adequate
☐ No Progress

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Explanation of progress assessment: Linda has begun to engage in parenting classes and individual counseling but has not yet completed the course.

OUTCOME # 4 Linda XXXXX is able to manage her mental health effectively so that she can parent safely and effectively. The mother's mental health will not negatively impact her ability to parent.

Outcome Achievement: Ms. XXXXX will demonstrate the ability to effectively manage her mental health in an effort to keep it from interfering with her ability to safely provide for and protect her children.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, LINDA | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	Psychological Evaluation; Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider that may result from participation in this evaluation.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Umatilla, FL	06/03/2014	Yes	One-Time

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Assessment & Evaluation	Psychological Evaluation	No

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	Continue Participation in Medication Management, as recommended; Current Psychiatric Evaluation; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	XXXXX, FL		No	As needed

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Medical/Dental	Medical Services	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Not Adequate
- ☒ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: Linda is not currently on medication and needs to attend a psychiatric evaluation.

Changes in case plan goals, outcomes, actions and/ or supports: No Changes Needed
Barriers To Achieving Desired Case Plan Outcomes: Linda is living in an area that has limited available services; she also does not have

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Case Name: XXXXX, LINDA FSFN Case ID: XXXXXXXX Date of Most Recent Safety Plan:
Worker Name: XXXXX, XXXXX Approval Date: 08/21/2014

I. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Child Name	Date of Birth	Primary Goal	Concurrent Goal	Current Placement
XXXXX, Isabella	XX/XX/XXXX	Reunification with parent(s)	Adoption	Relative, Relative Placement

Parent/ Legal Guardian(s)/ Other Adult Household Members in Caregiving Role:	
Name	Date of Birth
XXXXX, Brian	XX/XX/XXXX
XXXXX, LINDA	XX/XX/XXXX

Family Support Network	
Name	Role

II. MALTREATMENT AND NATURE OF MALTREATMENT

What is the extent of the maltreatment? What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment?

Allegations: The abuse report was received on 5/10/14 Linda was Baker Acted and is not making safe decisions for her child, Isabella XXXXX, who is 12 months old.

The report is closing with Verified Findings for Inadequate Supervision, as to the father. Verified Findings for Family Violence as to both parents, and Verified Findings of Threatened Harm as to the mother. . The mother, Linda XXXXX, was cutting herself and acting out of control on 5/10/14 when EMS transported her to Shands Emergency Room, which resulted in the mother being Baker Acted and taken to CSU at Meridian. The mother is mentally unstable, with a history of mental health issues, including depression and panic attacks, since she was a teenager, and she has no home in which to care for the child, Isabella, at this time. The mother has panic attacks and rocks the child back and forth in a clutching position. The mother states she hears voices talking to her and they tell her to kill the father. The mother will leave with the baby and no one knows where she goes. Earlier this year the mother ran off in the woods with the baby after the father told her she needed to get back on her mental health medications. The mother took the child and went off with a person she had just met on Facebook , did not know where she was when the mother called the paternal grandmother, who had her cell phone pinged to locate them, and the grandmother went and retrieved them. The mother does not put Isabella's needs ahead of her own. Linda will sit and let Isabella cry for long periods of time without going to Isabella to comfort her by picking her up or seeing to her needs. Linda will let Isabella stay in her crib without getting up to check on her until late morning which sometimes is around 11:00 am and Isabella has a very wet diaper and has been crying for hours. Isabella will develop rashes and sores from the wet diapers. Linda has let Isabella fall off the couch several times, not preventing it from happening again and has let Isabella fall out of the crib.
Brian works all hours as a farm hand and is very verbal that he is not able to raise his child at this time. Brian is trying to get on his feet and appears to not feel the support from Linda that is needed in their relationship and to care for the needs of their child. He does not feel Linda is able mentally to take care of Isabella and is very concerned while he is working. However, the plan upon the mother's discharge from the Baker Act was for life in their family to resume as normal, whereby he would still go to work 5-6 days a week for an unknown amount of time, leaving the mother to be the primary caregiver to the child.

Additional Ongoing Information

The parents are no longer together. The mother has moved to Umatilla, FL with her biological mother, whose rights were terminated when she was a child. The father has placed a restraining order on the mother being that he states he is tired of everything with her and is over it. The child continues to be placed with the maternal grandmother and maternal step-grandfather and is doing really well in this placement.

III. CHILD FUNCTIONING

How does the child function on a daily basis? Include physical health, development; emotion and temperament; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; educational performance; peer relations; behaviors that seem to provoke parent/ caregiver reaction/ behavior; activities with family and others. Include a description of each child's vulnerability based on threats identified.

XXXXX, Isabella

Isabella is a one-year old infant who appears to developing normally for a child her age. The child walks, crawls, runs, and can hold her own bottle and sippy cup. The is also able to say a couple words such as mammy for grandma, grandma, aunty, Abby which is the dog's name, hi, and bye. The caregiver have stated that the child is very easy going and a very happy baby. The child also seems to have the ability to learn things quickly and is described as a very smart baby. The child appears to be healthy overall and does not have any health concerns. The child is enrolled in daycare and has been doing really well adjusting and playing with other children.

IV. ADULT FUNCTIONING

How does the adult function on a daily basis? Overall life management. Include assessment and analysis of prior child abuse/ neglect history, criminal behavior, impulse control, substance use/ abuse, violence and domestic violence, mental health; include an assessment of the adult's physical health, emotion and temperament, cognitive ability; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; education; peer and family relations; employment, etc.

XXXXX, Brian

Brian is a 19 year old father. He was previously employed as a farm hand at a local farm in Trenton, Florida where he worked very long hours. However, the father is no longer employed and currently works odd jobs. The father stated that he has applied to work for the city and hopes it can give him something more stable. The father has admitted to have a temper, short fuse, and possibly needing anger management. Brian's temper has led to disputes with the mother (Linda), the paternal grandmother, and his sister. He stated he tries to avoid fights with his mother out of respect for her but they sometime get into it. He says his temper is a lot better now than it has been in the past. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Brain admits he has pushed Linda down on the bed, thrown dirty diapers at her, and pulled her hair. Despite this, the father has no criminal history, no DCF history as a father, nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The father did not complete high school but has his GED, which is also the highest education he has attained. The father has Cerebral Palsy, which causes some daily physical limitations but the father has learn to work through them. The father currently does not take treatment for this condition and states that he use to wear a brace for it which he has not worn in over 15 years. The father reported having no other health issues. The father stated that his childhood was pretty normal aside from his parents divorce which he said led to the typical divorce complications which made things a bit aggravating. The father stated that he spent most of his time with his grandfather helping out on the farm most of his childhood until his passing in 2007. The father further stated that May 19, 2014, has made it 2 years since being with Linda; this was his longest relationship and he says that they "met online and the rest was history." The father stated that they would typically fight about Linda's attitude when she is not on her medication because she demands things that get him upset and make him lose his temper. The father views his parents and siblings as a support system and expresses a strong desire to be able to provide for his family.

The father and the mother are no longer in a relationship and the father has since placed a restraining order on the mother. The father stated that he is fed up with the mother not doing anything. The father stated that she would use the child over his head to stay but since she is not in their care, he has been able to see things more clear and no longer wants to be with her.

XXXXX, LINDA

Linda is a 20-year old young mother. Linda never completed high school and is unemployed but stated that she would like to go back to get her GED. The mother has admitted to having a temper problem and several mental health issues that include depression, anxiety, and panic attacks which she was first diagnosed with when she was about 11 years old. These factors have led to Linda having constant disputes with the father (Brain). The mother stated that she stopped taking her medication because she thought she was pregnant and cannot take such medication during pregnancy, but reports she has since determined she is not pregnant and is back on her medication. The mother also stated that she has transportation to her appointments and Brian supports her in getting treated. The mother stated that she is not on Medicaid but only has to pay a co-pay of $3 for appointments which she can afford. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Linda admits she has thrown objects at the father, put her hands around his neck, kicked him, scratched him, thrown dirty diapers at him, and has threatened to kill the father. Despite this, the mother has neither criminal history nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The mother does have prior DCF history with two past reports as a mother both closed with no indicators; in these reports, the mother's mental health issues were a concerning factor. The mother has reported as suffering from depression all of her life and reports that she wants to improve this. Since removal, the mother has stated that she has gotten back on her meds and made a follow-up appointment with her doctor set in June 2014 being that she started taking her medications again and they have recently finished. The mother has identified finances, lack of transportation, her relationship with Brian, and the distance of her home as being some of her stressors. The mother describes her childhood as being okay and being adopted at the age of 6 by her foster mother. She attributes the start of her depression to being able to see her biological mother regularly until one Christmas her mother said she would come by and never returned. The mother stated that after this point she would stare out the window all the time and did not get back in contact with her mother until she was 18. The mother stated she is not in contact with

her adoptive mother being that she disowned her due to not liking that she is with Brian "just because." The mother stated that she remains in contact with her 4 adoptive sisters, 3 adoptive brothers, and 2 adoptive neices.
The mother has relocated to Umatilla, FL to reside with her biological mother. The father placed a restraing order on the mother. The mother went to stay with her sister in Gainesville, FL but they returned her to Trenton and told her they cannot deal with her mental health issues. The mother then stated she did not have anywhere else to go and went to her mother.

V. PARENTING

General – What are the overall, typical, parenting practices used by the parents/ legal guardians? Discipline/ Behavior Management – What are the disciplinary approaches used by the parents/ legal guardians, and under what circumstances?

XXXXX, Brian

The father has stated that he loves his child and being a parent. The father has also admitted to working too many hours to be there for his child as much as he should be. The father works 5-6 days a week and is often times gone all day. Though this allows the father to be able to provide for the child, this prevents the child from being protected from the impulsive behaviors of the mother who is left at home with the child. The father has witnessed the mother do things that he has admitted concerned him for the child's safety. The father failed to make protective provisions for the child while he was not home. The father stated that he would come home from work and see that the child's diapers was dirty and that the floor was dirty. The father stated this would upset him and cause him to get a temper. The father further stated that whenever he was home, he cleaned each of the child's diapers. The father has admitted to having DV with the mother in the presence of the child. The father appears to love the child and show her the affection but fails to ensure the protection and safety that she needs. The father stated that if he could do things differently he would put his foot down a bit more and that he needs to work on is communicating "putting his foot down" without losing his temper.

The father initially did not visit with the child on a consistent basis and would seldomly interact with the child when they did visit. The father has since made more attempts to visit with the child since being broken up with the mother and has began to engage with the child more. The father is open to the caregiver's suggestions for visits on how to play with the child. The father has stated that he wants to do whatever he can to get his child back despite not being with the mother and he thinks he can handle parenting alone with resources such as daycare. The father has stated that he is now able to see things that the mother was failing to do more clearly but thought that she would have priority over keeping the child so he did not try to leave with the child but wishes that he did now.

XXXXX, LINDA

The mother has stated that she loves her daughter and wants to be a good mother to her. The mother stated that her child is good, smart, and happy. The mother reported that she is a stay at home mom and that she would clean, cook, and care for the child, but the father stated that she did not do this often. It appears that the mother did not ensure the child was fed, cleaned regularly, and tended to when needed, but delegated these responsibilities to the father, even if it meant waiting on the father to come home to do it. The child is an infant and not able to make these provisions for herself. The mother states that she understands how her mental health affects her ability to parent but has not acted in a way that reflects this recognition. The mother has done several impulsive things with the child, such as run off in the woods with her because she was upset at the father, and has left with strangers, and left the child with them, as well. The mother states that she is now back on her medication and can see the effects of her actions without them. The mother stated that if she can do things differently she would be a better mother and make that the child was clean and never left alone. The mother further stated that she has been battling with depression all of her life and would like to work on improving it, as this affects her daily functioning as a parent.

The mother initially did not consistently visit with the child. Whenever the mother got into a dispute with the father, the mother would suddenly demand to the caregiver to see the child every day. The mother appears to be very emotionally dependent on the father and would transfer this to the child when he is not available. The caregivers are willing to arrange to meet with the mother in Ocala and sends her pictures regularly.

VI. REASONS FOR ONGOING INVOLVEMENT

Danger Statement (Develop in collaboration with the family)

The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the ability to protect their child from harm and meet her basic needs. The parents have had ongoing domestic violence in the presence of the child and the mother has significant mental health issues that have gone untreated. The father admits that he knew about the mother's mental health status, and observed that her impulsive actions and failure to meet the child's basic needs were putting the child at risk, however, he failed to take action to protect the child from harm. The mother reports having a long history of mental health issues, including past diagnosis and treatment, however, she has not followed through with recommended treatment or ongoing care to ensure that her mental health did not affect her ability to parent the child safely and effectively.

VII. FAMILY CHANGE STRATEGY

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Family Goal: Describe how the family will be functioning when all children are safe and the family is able to independently meet the needs of their children. (Developed in collaboration with the family)

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Potential Barriers: Describe things that could get in the way of change from the family's perspective and/ or the family team's perspective.

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IX. PRIORITY NEEDS

	Rating	Parent Meeting Needs?

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X. PROTECTIVE CAPACITIES

Adults	Capacity Categories and Types		
	Behavioral	Cognitive	Emotional

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	Controls Impulses	Takes Action	Sets aside own needs for Child	Demonstrates adequate skills	Adaptive as a Parent/ Legal Guardian	History of Protecting	Is self aware	Is intellectually able	Recognizes threats	Recognizes child's needs	Understands protective role	Plans and articulates plans for protection	Meets own emotional needs	Is resilient	Is tolerant	Is stable	Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity to the child	Is positively attached with child	Is aligned and supports the child
XXXXX, Brian	C	B	D	C	B	B	C	B	B	C	C	C	C	B	C	B	B	C	C
XXXXX, LINDA	D	D	D	C	C	B	C	C	D	C	D	D	D	D	C	C	B	C	C

XI. PRIORITY NEEDS		
XXXXX, Brian	Rating	Include in Case Plan?
Sets aside own needs for child	D	Y
Controls Impulses	C	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Understands protective role	C	Y
Plans and articulates plans for protection	C	Y
Meets own emotional needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y
Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y
XXXXX, LINDA	Rating	Include in Case Plan?

Controls Impulses	D	Y
Takes Action	D	Y
Sets aside own needs for child	D	Y
Recognizes threats	D	Y
Understands protective role	D	Y
Plans and articulates plans for protection	D	Y
Meets own emotional needs	D	Y
Is resilient	D	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Adaptive as a Parent/Legal Guardian	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Is intellectually able	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is stable	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y
Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y

If diminished protective capacity will not be addressed in the Case Plan, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

XII. MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE

Adult	Motivation
XXXXX, Brian	Preparation
XXXXX, LINDA	Contemplation

XIII. IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING (removal home)

The Parent/Legal Guardians are willing for an In-Home Safety Plan to be developed and implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with all identified safety service providers.	No
The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an In-Home Safety Plan to be implemented and for safety service providers to be in the home safely.	No
Safety services are available at a sufficient level and to the degree necessary in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home.	No
An In-Home Safety Plan and the use of In-Home safety services can sufficiently manage impending danger without the results of scheduled professional evaluations.	No
The Parent/Legal Guardians have a physical location in which to implement an In-Home Safety Plan.	No

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan

Out-of-Home Safety Plan is the only protective intervention possible for one or more children (whether family designated arrangement or removal/ placement). Summarize reason for Out-of-Home Safety Plan or Removal/ Placement (if applicable), and Conditions for Return. Conditions for return should indicate what must change for an In-Home Safety Plan to be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services are implemented.
At this time, the parents have not demonstrated behavioral changes or engaged in any treatment services to reduce the risk to the child in order for the child to return safely to either of the parents' home. The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the inability to provide for the child's basic needs. Conditions for Return to the Parent: 1) The parents must demonstrate a willingness to develop and implement a safety plan for the children to safely return to the home. The mother needs to maintain consistent contact with the Family Care Counselor in order to arrange needed treatment services to assist the mother in behavioral changes. The parents need to begin to establish a meaningful relationship with the child and demonstrate an interest in the child and her needs. 2) The parents must have a calm and consistent home environment where the child can reside and in which an in-home safety plan can be implemented. The parents will need to be able to demonstrate that they can provide for the child's basic needs. The parents will need to demonstrate self-awareness and impulse control. The parents will need to establish sponsors and an appropriate support system to assist them in providing for the children's needs and to keep them safe. 3) The parents must be able to establish a safety plan with others who will be a positive support system. The positive support system must be able to assist the parents in keeping the children safe. 4) The parents must complete any professional evaluations needed, such as (but not limited to), psychological/mental health evaluations. The parents must agree to follow treatment recommendations and be willing to cooperate with treatment providers.

5) The parents need to have a physical location in which an In-Home Safety Plan can be implemented.

XIV. CURRENT SAFETY PLAN ASSESSMENT FOR SUFFICIENCY

☐ Safety plan is sufficient, no need for changes to the plan at this time.

☐ Safety plan is not sufficient, not controlling for child safety or no longer applicable; change in safety plan is needed.

☐ Safety plan is no longer needed.

IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan.

Out-of-Home Safety Plan is the only protective intervention possible for one or more children (whether family designated arrangement or removal/ placement). Summarize reason for Out-of-Home Safety Plan or Removal/ Placement (if applicable), and Conditions for Return. Conditions for return should indicate what must change for an In-Home Safety Plan to be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services are implemented.

Based on the determination selected above, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

XV. OUTCOME(S) EVALUATION

OUTCOME # 1 Brian XXXXX is able to demonstrate the skills necessary to parent his child safely and effectively.

Outcome Achievement: Mr. XXXXX is able to demonstrate knowledge of child development, safety risks, and the need for age appropriate supervision, and is able to demonstrate that he can use his knowledge to parent safely and effectively.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, Brian | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, Brian	In-Home Parenting Mentoring, upon Reunification. Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider during participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	At home.		No	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	No			

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Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	In-home Parenting	No

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, Brian	Parenting Class; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations that may result from participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Trenton, FL	07/22/2014	Yes	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	Parenting Group	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Adequate
- ☒ Not Adequate
- ☐ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: The father agreed to begin this service and a referral was completed on 7/21/14. This father has not yet began this service at this time.

OUTCOME # 2 Brian XXXXX is able to manage his mental health effectively so that he can parent safely and effectively. The father's mental health will not negatively impact his ability to parent.

Outcome Achievement: Mr. XXXXX will demonstrate the ability to effectively manage his mental health in an effort to keep it from interfering with his ability to safely provide for and protect his child.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, Brian | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, Brian	Psychological Evaluation; Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider that may result from participation in this evaluation.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	06/03/2014	Yes	One-Time

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Assessment & Evaluation	Psychological Evaluation	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

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- [x] Excellent
- [ ] Adequate
- [ ] Not Adequate
- [ ] No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: The father completed his psychological on 7/10/14. The evaluation has not been received by the Family Care Counselor to date but will be filed upon receipt.

OUTCOME # 3 Linda XXXXX is able to demonstrate the skills necessary to parent safely and effectively.							
Outcome Achievement: Ms. XXXXX demonstrates knowledge of child development, safety risks, and the need for age appropriate supervision, and is able to demonstrate that he can parent safely and effectively.							
Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, LINDA					**Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00		
Who	**Actions/Tasks**	**Est. Completion Date**	**Responsible Party for Cost**	**Location of Delivery of Services**	**Date of Service Referral**	**Service Referral Request Needed**	**Freq of Service**
XXXXX, LINDA	In-Home Parenting Mentoring, upon Reunification. Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider during participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	At home.		No	Weekly

Provider Name	**FSFN Provider**	**Provider Address**	**Provider Phone Number**	**Provider Email**
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	**Service Type**	**Task Complete**
Parent Education/Training	In-home Parenting	No

Who	**Actions/Tasks**	**Est. Completion Date**	**Responsible Party for Cost**	**Location of Delivery of Services**	**Date of Service Referral**	**Service Referral Request Needed**	**Freq of Service**
XXXXX, LINDA	Parenting Class; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommenations that may result from participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Umatilla, FL		No	Weekly

Provider Name	**FSFN Provider**	**Provider Address**	**Provider Phone Number**	**Provider Email**
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	**Service Type**	**Task Complete**
Parent Education/Training	Parenting Group	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

- [ ] Excellent
- [ ] Adequate
- [ ] Not Adequate
- [ ] No Progress

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Explanation of progress assessment: The mother has moved to Umatilla, FL. The FCC completed an OTI request on 7/14/14. The mother has not yet been referred in this county.

OUTCOME # 4 Linda XXXXX is able to manage her mental health effectively so that she can parent safely and effectively. The mother's mental health will not negatively impact her ability to parent.							
Outcome Achievement: Ms. XXXXX will demonstrate the ability to effectively manage her mental health in an effort to keep it from interfering with her ability to safely provide for and protect her children.							
Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, LINDA					**Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00		
Who	**Actions/Tasks**	**Est. Completion Date**	**Responsible Party for Cost**	**Location of Delivery of Services**	**Date of Service Referral**	**Service Referral Request Needed**	**Freq of Service**
XXXXX, LINDA	Continue Participation in Medication Management, as recommended; Current Psychiatric Evaluation; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Umatilla, FL		No	As needed

Provider Name	**FSFN Provider**	**Provider Address**	**Provider Phone Number**	**Provider Email**
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	**Service Type**	**Task Complete**
Medical/Dental	Medical Services	No

Who	**Actions/Tasks**	**Est. Completion Date**	**Responsible Party for Cost**	**Location of Delivery of Services**	**Date of Service Referral**	**Service Referral Request Needed**	**Freq of Service**
XXXXX, LINDA	Psychological Evaluation; Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider that may result from participation in this evaluation.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Umatilla, FL	06/03/2014	Yes	One-Time

Provider Name	**FSFN Provider**	**Provider Address**	**Provider Phone Number**	**Provider Email**
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	**Service Type**	**Task Complete**
Assessment & Evaluation	Psychological Evaluation	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Not Adequate
- ☒ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: The mother was scheduled to complete her psychological on 7/11/14. The mother moved to Umatilla, FL a day or 2 prior to this. She did not contact the provider prior to the appointment to let her know that she had moved but contacted the XXXXX Group after the appointment time and requested the provider to come to her in Ocala. The provider informed the Family Care Counselor in

order to do this they it will cost $500. The FCC completed an OTI request on 7/14/14. The mother has not yet been referred in this county. The mother has been diagnosed with several mental health issues and is on medication. The mother has not obtained a provider to begin receiving treatment regularly in that area. It is unknown if the mother is taking her medication regularly.

Changes in case plan goals, outcomes, actions and/ or supports: No Changes Needed
Barriers To Achieving Desired Case Plan Outcomes: The mother has relocated to Umatilla, FL. An OTI request was completed on 7/?/14, however the courtesy case worker has not established contact with the mother.

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Worker Name: XXXXX, XXXXX Approval Date: 08/29/2014

I. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Child Name	Date of Birth	Primary Goal	Concurrent Goal	Current Placement
XXXXX, Isabella	XX/XX/XXXX	Reunification with parent(s)	Adoption	Relative, Relative Placement

Parent/ Legal Guardian(s)/ Other Adult Household Members in Caregiving Role:	
Name	Date of Birth
XXXXX, Brian	XX/XX/XXXX
XXXXX, LINDA	XX/XX/XXXX

Family Support Network	
Name	Role

II. MALTREATMENT AND NATURE OF MALTREATMENT

What is the extent of the maltreatment? What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment?

Allegations: The abuse report was received on 5/10/14 Linda was Baker Acted and is not making safe decisions for her child, Isabella XXXXX, who is 12 months old.

The report is closing with Verified Findings for Inadequate Supervision, as to the father. Verified Findings for Family Violence as to both parents, and Verified Findings of Threatened Harm as to the mother. .The mother, Linda XXXXX, was cutting herself and acting out of control on 5/10/14 when EMS transported her to Shands Emergency Room, which resulted in the mother being Baker Acted and taken to CSU at Meridian. The mother is mentally unstable, with a history of mental health issues, including depression and panic attacks, since she was a teenager, and she has no home in which to care for the child, Isabella, at this time. The mother has panic attacks and rocks the child back and forth in a clutching position. The mother states she hears voices talking to her and they tell her to kill the father. The mother will leave with the baby and no one knows where she goes. Earlier this year the mother ran off in the woods with the baby after the father told her she needed to get back on her mental health medications. The mother took the child and went off with a person she had just met on Facebook , did not know where she was when the mother called the paternal grandmother, who had her cell phone pinged to locate them, and the grandmother went and retrieved them. The mother does not put Isabella's needs ahead of her own. Linda will sit and let Isabella cry for long periods of time without going to Isabella to comfort her by picking her up or seeing to her needs. Linda will let Isabella stay in her crib without getting up to check on her until late morning which sometimes is around 11:00 am and Isabella has a very wet diaper and has been crying for hours. Isabella will develop rashes and sores from the wet diapers. Linda has let Isabella fall off the couch several times, not preventing it from happening again and has let Isabella fall out of the crib.
Brian works all hours as a farm hand and is very verbal that he is not able to raise his child at this time. Brian is trying to get on his feet and appears to not feel the support from Linda that is needed in their relationship and to care for the needs of their child. He does not feel Linda is able mentally to take care of Isabella and is very concerned while he is working. However, the plan upon the mother's discharge from the Baker Act was for life in their family to resume as normal, whereby he would still go to work 5-6 days a week for an unknown amount of time, leaving the mother to be the primary caregiver to the child.

Additional Ongoing Information

The parents are no longer together. The mother has moved to Umatilla, FL with her biological mother, whose rights were terminated when she was a child. The father has placed a restraining order on the mother being that he states he is tired of everything with her and is over it. The child continues to be placed with the maternal grandmother and maternal step-grandfather and is doing really well in this placement.

III. CHILD FUNCTIONING

How does the child function on a daily basis? Include physical health, development; emotion and temperament; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; educational performance; peer relations; behaviors that seem to provoke parent/ caregiver reaction/ behavior; activities with family and others. Include a description of each child's vulnerability based on threats identified.

XXXXX, Isabella

Isabella is a one-year old infant who appears to developing normally for a child her age. The child walks, crawls, runs, and can hold her own bottle and sippy cup. The is also able to say a couple words such as mammy for grandma, grandma, aunty, Abby which is the dog's name, hi, and bye. The caregiver have stated that the child is very easy going and a very happy baby. The child also seems to have the ability to learn things quickly and is described as a very smart baby. The child appears to be healthy overall and does not have any health concerns. The child is enrolled in daycare and has been doing really well adjusting and playing with other children.

IV. ADULT FUNCTIONING

How does the adult function on a daily basis? Overall life management. Include assessment and analysis of prior child abuse/ neglect history, criminal behavior, impulse control, substance use/ abuse, violence and domestic violence, mental health; include an assessment of the adult's physical health, emotion and temperament, cognitive ability; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; education; peer and family relations; employment, etc.

XXXXX, Brian

Brian is a 19 year old father. He was previously employed at a farm hand at a local farm in Trenton, Florida where he worked very long hours. However, the father is no longer employed and currently works odd jobs. The father stated that he has applied to work for the city and hopes it can give him something more stable. The father has admitted to have a temper, short fuse, and possibly needing anger management. Brian's temper has led to disputes with the mother (Linda), the paternal grandmother, and his sister. He stated he tries to avoid fights with his mother out of respect for her but they sometime get into it. He says his temper is a lot better now than it has been in the past. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Brain admits he has pushed Linda down on the bed, thrown dirty diapers at her, and pulled her hair. Despite this, the father has no criminal history, no DCF history as a father, nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The father did not complete high school but has his GED, which is also the highest education he has attained. The father has Cerebral Palsy, which causes some daily physical limitations but the father has learn to work through them. The father currently does not take treatment for this condition and states that he use to wear a brace for it which he has not worn in over 15 years. The father reported having no other health issues. The father stated that his childhood was pretty normal aside from his parents divorce which he said led to the typical divorce complications which made things a bit aggravating. The father stated that he spent most of his time with his grandfather helping out on the farm most of his childhood until his passing in 2007. The father further stated that May 19, 2014, has made it 2 years since being with Linda; this was his longest relationship and he says that they "met online and the rest was history." The father stated that they would typically fight about Linda's attitude when she is not on her medication because she demands things that get him upset and make him lose his temper. The father views his parents and siblings as a support system and expresses a strong desire to be able to provide for his family.

The father and the mother are no longer in a relationship and the father has since placed a restraining order on the mother. The father stated that he is fed up with the mother not doing anything. The father stated that she would use the child over his head to stay but since she is not in their care, he has been able to see things more clear and no longer wants to be with her.

XXXXX, LINDA

Linda is a 20-year old young mother. Linda never completed high school and is unemployed but stated that she would like to go back to get her GED. The mother has admitted to having a temper problem and several mental health issues that include depression, anxiety, and panic attacks which she was first diagnosed with when she was about 11 years old. These factors have led to Linda having constant disputes with the father (Brain). The mother stated that she stopped taking her medication because she thought she was pregnant and cannot take such medication during pregnancy, but reports she has since determined she is not pregnant and is back on her medication. The mother also stated that she has transportation to her appointments and Brian supports her in getting treated. The mother stated that she is not on Medicaid but only has to pay a co-pay of $3 for appointments which she can afford. Collateral reports have indicated that there is DV between the Linda and Brian. Linda admits she has thrown objects at the father, put her hands around his neck, kicked him, scratched him, thrown dirty diapers at him, and has threatened to kill the father. Despite this, the mother has neither criminal history nor history of alcohol and substance abuse. The mother does have prior DCF history with two past reports as a mother both closed with no indicators; in these reports, the mother's mental health issues were a concerning factor. The mother has reported as suffering from depression all of her life and reports that she wants to improve this. Since removal, the mother has stated that she has gotten back on her meds and made a follow-up appointment with her doctor set in June 2014 being that she started taking her medications again and they have recently finished. The mother has identified finances, lack of transportation, her relationship with Brian, and the distance of her home as being some of her stressors. The mother describes her childhood as being okay and being adopted at the age of 6 by her foster mother. She attributes the start of her depression to being able to see her biological mother regularly until one Christmas her mother said she would come by and never returned. The mother stated that after this point she would stare out the window all the time and did not get back in contact with her mother until she was 18. The mother stated she is not in contact with

her adoptive mother being that she disowned her due to not liking that she is with Brian "just because." The mother stated that she remains in contact with her 4 adoptive sisters, 3 adoptive brothers, and 2 adoptive nieces.
The mother has relocated to Umatilla, FL to reside with her biological mother. The father placed a restraining order on the mother. The mother went to stay with her sister in Gainesville, FL but they returned her to Trenton and told her they cannot deal with her mental health issues. The mother then stated she did not have anywhere else to go and went to her mother.

V. PARENTING

General – What are the overall, typical, parenting practices used by the parents/ legal guardians? Discipline/ Behavior Management – What are the disciplinary approaches used by the parents/ legal guardians, and under what circumstances?

XXXXX, Brian

The father has stated that he loves his child and being a parent. The father has also admitted to working too many hours to be there for his child as much as he should be. The father works 5-6 days a week and is often times gone all day. Though this allows the father to be able to provide for the child, this prevents the child from being protected from the impulsive behaviors of the mother who is left at home with the child. The father has witnessed the mother do things that he has admitted concerned him for the child's safety. The father failed to make protective provisions for the child while he was not home. The father stated that he would come home from work and see that the child's diapers was dirty and that the floor was dirty. The father stated this would upset him and cause him to get a temper. The father further stated that whenever he was home, he cleaned each of the child's diapers. The father has admitted to having DV with the mother in the presence of the child. The father appears to love the child and show her the affection but fails to ensure the protection and safety that she needs. The father stated that if he could do things differently he would put his foot down a bit more and that he needs to work on is communicating "putting his foot down" without losing his temper.

The father initially did not visit with the child on a consistent basis and would seldomly interact with the child when they did visit. The father has since made more attempts to visit with the child since being broken up with the mother and has began to engage with the child more. The father is open to the caregiver's suggestions for visits on how to play with the child. The father has stated that he wants to do whatever he can to get his child back despite not being with the mother and he thinks he can handle parenting alone with resources such as daycare. The father has stated that he is now able to see things that the mother was failing to do more clearly but thought that she would have priority over keeping the child so he did not try to leave with the child but wishes that he did now.

XXXXX, LINDA

The mother has stated that she loves her daughter and wants to be a good mother to her. The mother stated that her child is good, smart, and happy. The mother reported that she is a stay at home mom and that she would clean, cook, and care for the child, but the father stated that she did not do this often. It appears that the mother did not ensure the child was fed, cleaned regularly, and tended to when needed, but delegated these responsibilities to the father, even if it meant waiting on the father to come home to do it. The child is an infant and not able to make these provisions for herself. The mother states that she understands how her mental health affects her ability to parent but has not acted in a way that reflects this recognition. The mother has done several impulsive things with the child, such as run off in the woods with her because she was upset at the father, and has left with strangers, and left the child with them, as well. The mother states that she is now back on her medication and can see the effects of her actions without them. The mother stated that if she can do things differently she would be a better mother and make that the child was clean and never left alone. The mother further stated that she has been battling with depression all of her life and would like to work on improving it, as this affects her daily functioning as a parent.

The mother initially did not consistently visit with the child. Whenever the mother got into a dispute with the father, the mother would suddenly demand to the caregiver to see the child every day. The mother appears to be very emotionally dependent on the father and would transfer this to the child when he is not available. The caregivers are willing to arrange to meet with the mother in Ocala and sends her pictures regularly.

VI. REASONS FOR ONGOING INVOLVEMENT

Danger Statement (Develop in collaboration with the family)

The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the ability to protect their child from harm and meet her basic needs. The parents have had ongoing domestic violence in the presence of the child and the mother has significant mental health issues that have gone untreated. The father admits that he knew about the mother's mental health status, and observed that her impulsive actions and failure to meet the child's basic needs were putting the child at risk, however, he failed to take action to protect the child from harm. The mother reports having a long history of mental health issues, including past diagnosis and treatment, however, she has not followed through with recommended treatment or ongoing care to ensure that her mental health did not affect her ability to parent the child safely and effectively.

VII. FAMILY CHANGE STRATEGY

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Family Goal: Describe how the family will be functioning when all children are safe and the family is able to independently meet the needs of their children. (Developed in collaboration with the family)

The parents will have a safe and stable home and be able to provide for the child's basic needs. The child will be able to rely on the parents for love, support, and protection. The parents will demonstrate that they are consistently able to manage their impulses so that DV and mental health issues do not expose the child to danger. The parents will make life choices that do not negatively impact their ability to care for and protect their child.

Ideas: Describe parent/ legal guardian, worker, child or other network members have for moving toward the Family Goal.

The parents will demonstrate that they are able to control their impulses by refraining from domestic violence, treating mental health issues as prescribed, and putting their child's needs before their own. This should be a priority so that the parents can provide for the child's care and protection.

Potential Barriers: Describe things that could get in the way of change from the family's perspective and/ or the family team's perspective.

Possible barriers will include the parents failure to develop a healthy relationship with their child by visiting consistently and being appropriate during visits; their failure take on parental responsibilities, instead relying on others to do this for them; their failure to maintain contact with the Family Care Counselor; their failure to engage in treatment services upon her release; and, their failure to demonstrate skill attainment, this will also hinder change.

VIII. CHILD NEED INDICATORS

Children	Child Needs									
	Emotional/ Trauma	Behavioral (e.g. risk taking behavior, runaway, etc)	Development	Education	Physical Health/ Disability	Family Relationships	Peer./ Adult Relationships	Cultural Identity	Substance Awareness	Life Skills Development
XXXXX, Isabella	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	

IX. PRIORITY NEEDS

	Rating	Parent Meeting Needs?

If the parent is meeting the need, describe their actions. If the parent needs support or assistance to meet the needs of the child, the need will be addressed in the Case Plan.

X. PROTECTIVE CAPACITIES

Adults	Capacity Categories and Types		
	Behavioral	Cognitive	Emotional

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	Controls Impulses	Takes Action	Sets aside own needs for Child	Demonstrates adequate skills	Adaptive as a Parent/ Legal Guardian	History of Protecting	Is self aware	Is intellectually able	Recognizes threats	Recognizes child's needs	Understands protective role	Plans and articulates plans for protection	Meets own emotional needs	Is resilient	Is tolerant	Is stable	Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity to the child	Is positively attached with child	Is aligned and supports the child
XXXXX, Brian	C	B	D	C	B	B	C	B	B	C	C	C	C	B	C	B	B	C	C
XXXXX, LINDA	D	D	D	C	C	B	C	C	D	C	D	D	D	D	C	C	B	C	C

XI. PRIORITY NEEDS		
XXXXX, Brian	Rating	Include in Case Plan?
Sets aside own needs for child	D	Y
Controls Impulses	C	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Understands protective role	C	Y
Plans and articulates plans for protection	C	Y
Meets own emotional needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y
Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y
XXXXX, LINDA	Rating	Include in Case Plan?

Controls Impulses	D	Y
Takes Action	D	Y
Sets aside own needs for child	D	Y
Recognizes threats	D	Y
Understands protective role	D	Y
Plans and articulates plans for protection	D	Y
Meets own emotional needs	D	Y
Is resilient	D	Y
Demonstrates adequate skills	C	Y
Adaptive as a Parent/Legal Guardian	C	Y
Is self aware	C	Y
Is intellectually able	C	Y
Recognizes child's needs	C	Y
Is tolerant	C	Y
Is stable	C	Y
Is positively attached with child	C	Y
Is aligned and supports the child	C	Y

If diminished protective capacity will not be addressed in the Case Plan, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

XII. MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE

Adult	Motivation
XXXXX, Brian	Preparation
XXXXX, LINDA	Contemplation

XIII. IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING (removal home)

The Parent/Legal Guardians are willing for an In-Home Safety Plan to be developed and implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with all identified safety service providers.	No
The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an In-Home Safety Plan to be implemented and for safety service providers to be in the home safely.	No
Safety services are available at a sufficient level and to the degree necessary in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home.	No
An In-Home Safety Plan and the use of In-Home safety services can sufficiently manage impending danger without the results of scheduled professional evaluations.	No
The Parent/Legal Guardians have a physical location in which to implement an In-Home Safety Plan.	No

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan

Out-of-Home Safety Plan is the only protective intervention possible for one or more children (whether family designated arrangement or removal/ placement). Summarize reason for Out-of-Home Safety Plan or Removal/ Placement (if applicable), and Conditions for Return. Conditions for return should indicate what must change for an In-Home Safety Plan to be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services are implemented.
At this time, the parents have not demonstrated behavioral changes or engaged in any treatment services to reduce the risk to the child in order for the child to return safely to either of the parents' home. The parents have demonstrated a lack of impulse control and the inability to provide for the child's basic needs. Conditions for Return to the Parent: 1) The parents must demonstrate a willingness to develop and implement a safety plan for the children to safely return to the home. The mother needs to maintain consistent contact with the Family Care Counselor in order to arrange needed treatment services to assist the mother in behavioral changes. The parents need to begin to establish a meaningful relationship with the child and demonstrate an interest in the child and her needs. 2) The parents must have a calm and consistent home environment where the child can reside and in which an in-home safety plan can be implemented. The parents will need to be able to demonstrate that they can provide for the child's basic needs. The parents will need to demonstrate self-awareness and impulse control. The parents will need to establish sponsors and an appropriate support system to assist them in providing for the children's needs and to keep them safe. 3) The parents must be able to establish a safety plan with others who will be a positive support system. The positive support system must be able to assist the parents in keeping the children safe. 4) The parents must complete any professional evaluations needed, such as (but not limited to), psychological/mental health evaluations. The parents must agree to follow treatment recommendations and be willing to cooperate with treatment providers.

5) The parents need to have a physical location in which an In-Home Safety Plan can be implemented.

XIV. CURRENT SAFETY PLAN ASSESSMENT FOR SUFFICIENCY

☐ Safety plan is sufficient, no need for changes to the plan at this time.

☐ Safety plan is not sufficient, not controlling for child safety or no longer applicable; change in safety plan is needed.

☐ Safety plan is no longer needed.

IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan.

Out-of-Home Safety Plan is the only protective intervention possible for one or more children (whether family designated arrangement or removal/ placement).

Summarize reason for Out-of-Home Safety Plan or Removal/ Placement (if applicable), and Conditions for Return. Conditions for return should indicate what must change for an In-Home Safety Plan to be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services are implemented.

Based on the determination selected above, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

XV. OUTCOME(S) EVALUATION

OUTCOME # 1 Brian XXXXX is able to demonstrate the skills necessary to parent his child safely and effectively.

Outcome Achievement: Mr. XXXXX is able to demonstrate knowledge of child development, safety risks, and the need for age appropriate supervision, and is able to demonstrate that he can use his knowledge to parent safely and effectively.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, Brian | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, Brian	In-Home Parenting Mentoring, upon Reunification. Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider during participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	At home.		No	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	No			

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Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	In-home Parenting	No

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, Brian	Parenting Class; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations that may result from participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Trenton, FL	07/22/2014	Yes	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	Parenting Group	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Not Adequate
- ☒ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: The father has been referred for parenting class, but has not yet engaged. The father states that he plans to begin attending parenting upon his release from incarceration, however, his release date is not known at this time. The father will not participate with in-home services until reunification has been achieved.

OUTCOME # 2 Brian XXXXX is able to manage his mental health effectively so that he can parent safely and effectively. The father's mental health will not negatively impact his ability to parent.

Outcome Achievement: Mr. XXXXX will demonstrate the ability to effectively manage his mental health in an effort to keep it from interfering with his ability to safely provide for and protect his child.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, Brian | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, Brian	Psychological Evaluation; Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider that may result from participation in this evaluation.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	06/03/2014	Yes	One-Time

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Assessment & Evaluation	Psychological Evaluation	No

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Overall Outcome Progress:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Not Adequate
- ☒ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: A referral has been made for the father to participate in a psychological evaluation. The father has not yet engaged in this service. The Family Care Counselor will ensure that the father has the contact information to set up the evaluation again as soon as he is released from incarceration.

OUTCOME # 3 Linda XXXXX is able to demonstrate the skills necessary to parent safely and effectively.

Outcome Achievement: Ms. XXXXX demonstrates knowledge of child development, safety risks, and the need for age appropriate supervision, and is able to demonstrate that he can parent safely and effectively.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, LINDA | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	In-Home Parenting Mentoring, upon Reunification. Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider during participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	At home.		No	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	In-home Parenting	No

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	Parenting Class; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations that may result from participation in this service.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Umatilla, FL		No	Weekly

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Parent Education/Training	Parenting Group	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Not Adequate

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☒ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: The mother has not maintained contact with the Family Care Counselor. After the child was sheltered, the mother relocated to another county (Lake County) and failed to maintain contact or keep an updated phone number or address on file with the Family Care Counselor. The Family Care Counselor was able to recently obtain the mother's contact information when the mother called the caregiver, and a courtesy request to assist the mother in completing her case plan tasks was initiated to Lake County. There are reports that the mother may have moved again within Lake County, however, the courtesy worker has been attempting to contact the mother and the mother has not responded.

OUTCOME # 4 Linda XXXXX is able to manage her mental health effectively so that she can parent safely and effectively. The mother's mental health will not negatively impact her ability to parent.

Outcome Achievement: Ms. XXXXX will demonstrate the ability to effectively manage her mental health in an effort to keep it from interfering with her ability to safely provide for and protect her children.

Applies to the following participants: XXXXX, LINDA | **Est. Cost to Parent(s) (if applicable):** $0.00

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	Continue Participation in Medication Management, as recommended; Current Psychiatric Evaluation; Sign provider releases; Follow provider recommendations.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Umatilla, FL		No	As needed

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
Approved provider, to be determined.	No			

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Medical/Dental	Medical Services	No

Who	Actions/Tasks	Est. Completion Date	Responsible Party for Cost	Location of Delivery of Services	Date of Service Referral	Service Referral Request Needed	Freq of Service
XXXXX, LINDA	Psychological Evaluation; Parent agrees to sign provider releases and follow recommendations made by the provider that may result from participation in this evalation.	05/14/2015	CBC pays for local service. Additional recommendations reviewed as needed.	Umatilla, FL	06/03/2014	Yes	One-Time

Provider Name	FSFN Provider	Provider Address	Provider Phone Number	Provider Email
XXXXX	Yes	XXXXXXXXXX		

Service Category	Service Type	Task Complete
Assessment & Evaluation	Psychological Evaluation	No

Overall Outcome Progress:

☐ Excellent
☐ Adequate

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☐ Not Adequate
☒ No Progress

Explanation of progress assessment: The mother has not maintained contact with the Family Care Counselor. After the child was sheltered, the mother relocated to another county (Lake County) and failed to maintain contact or keep an updated phone number or address on file with the Family Care Counselor. The Family Care Counselor was able to recently obtain the mother's contact information when the mother called the caregiver, and a courtesy request to assist the mother in completing her case plan tasks was initiated to Lake County. There are reports that the mother may have moved again within Lake County, however, the courtesy worker has been attempting to contact the mother and the mother has not responded. The mother has not engaged in this evaluation to date.

Changes in case plan goals, outcomes, actions and/ or supports: No Changes Needed

Barriers To Achieving Desired Case Plan Outcomes: The father is currently in jail and his release is unknown. The parents have not yet begun their case plan tasks. The mother has failed to maintain contact with the Family Care Counselor to arrange for case plan services to be coordinated and she has moved frequently. Neither parent is employed and financial issues are a concern. The parents need to engage in consistent and meaningful visitation in order to maintain a strong bond with their child.

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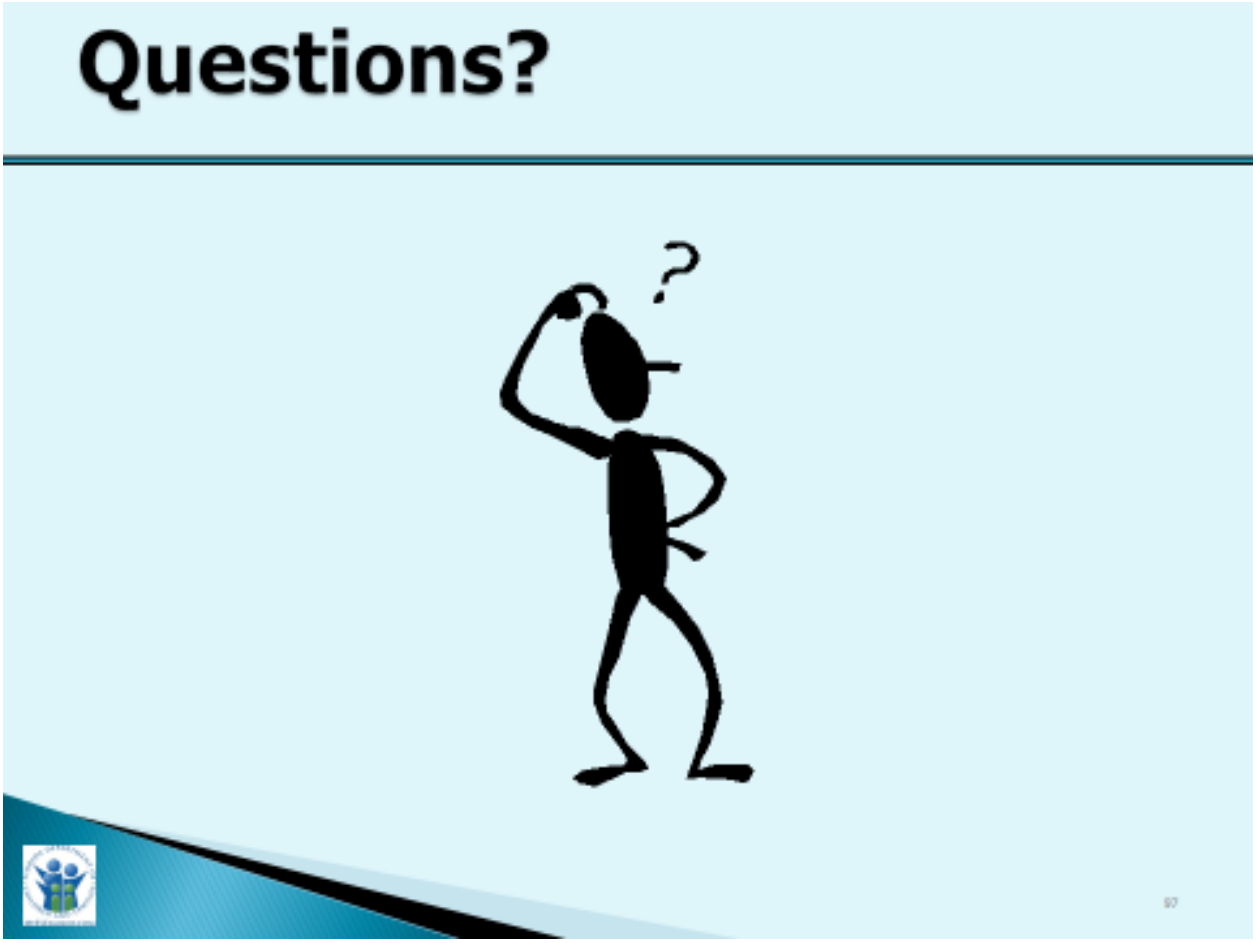

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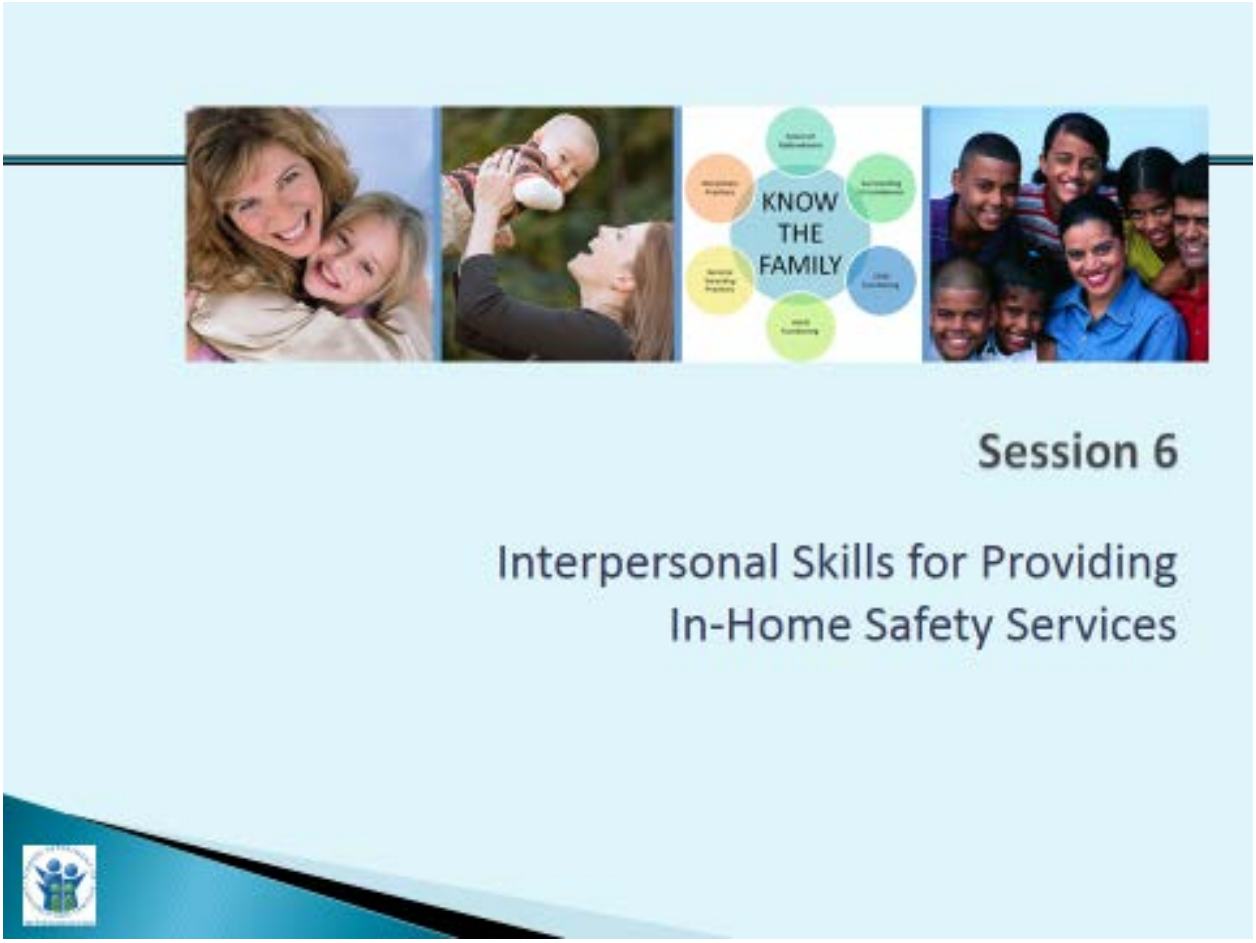
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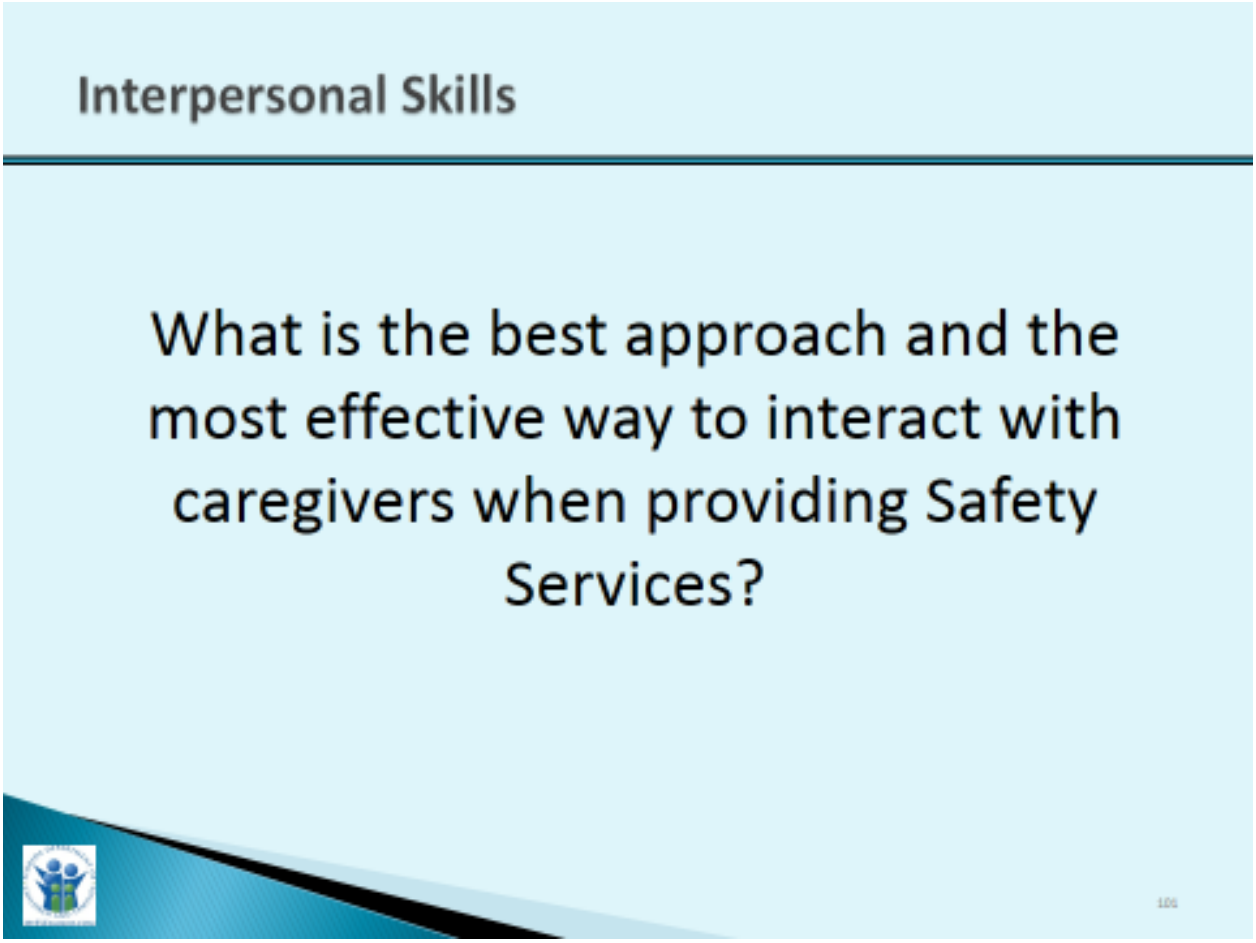
Interpersonal Skills
What is the best approach and the most effective way to interact with caregivers when providing Safety Services?

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Perceptions of Individual Behavior

Instructions:

After reading each scenario, discuss with your partner the questions provided, and arrive at your best thinking concerning your personal approach to each case. Notice the first scenario is focused more on how you will respond, while the second scenario is focused on you "getting into the mother's shoes" to consider how you might feel given her experience.

Scenario 1

An FFA was recently completed on a 46-year-old single father and his 9-year-old son, who has physical disabilities. The father has been the single primary caregiver since the mother "walked out" on the family two years ago. The FFA concluded that the father's substance usage is out of control and affecting his ability to care for his son. The father denies that his son is unsafe. He acknowledges that it has been very challenging but he is doing the best he can and he is doing "what [he] needs to." The FFA worker made it clear to the father that he was making decisions that reflected that he was not putting the needs of his son ahead of his own. Further, the father was informed that his son was unsafe because of his drinking, lack of responsiveness, and inability to consistently attend to his son's needs.

The father rejects the conclusion of the FFA but says that he is willing to do whatever is necessary. He agrees to an In-Home Safety Plan if that is a "condition of what he has to do." The father is reluctant about what the In-Home Safety Plan would involve. He insists in knowing exactly what someone is going to tell him about caring for a 9-year-old physically disabled son. He vacillates back and forth between agitation and resignation that he "has to do what he is told." The father has an 18-year-old from another marriage. He has no previous history with the department.

1. What different feelings might be occurring with this father as he faces having his case opened up for In-Home Services with an In-Home Safety Plan?

2. How would you interact with this father? How would you engage with him? How would you use yourself to create an interpersonal relationship? How would you identify with him and his feelings

Scenario 2

A 6-year-old little girl has a Safety Plan that involves Safety Categories of Behavior Management, Social Connection and periods of Separation. A significant Safety Service in the Safety Plan involves the child residing out of the home with the maternal grandmother on designated days during the week. Although the mother does not have a "relationship" with the maternal grandmother, and often feels alienated from her, she agreed to the conditions of the Safety Plan because she did not want her daughter to be placed in foster care.

The mother is emotionally connected to the child and there are clear indications that the child is attached to the mother. The mother has some mental health and addiction problems, which resulted in her being neglectful and often failing to meet the child's needs. The trailer where the mother and child lived was in deplorable condition at the onset of involvement.

For the most part the mother is very cooperative and has expressed a desire to change and be a better mother. She is consistently appropriate when the child is with her. Since the Safety Plan was implemented, there have been no identified concerns when the child is in the home. When the child returns to the home after being with the grandmother, the child is very clean, her hair is braided and she is dressed neatly. The child has gained weight and seems to be adjusting to the transition back and forth from the grandmother to the mother remarkably well.

When the child returned home on this last Tuesday, the mother tried to celebrate her daughter's birthday. The mother got her daughter a teddy bear. The child brought back home numerous new toys that she got from a birthday party held by her grandmother. On Friday, the child returned to the grandmother as part of the Safety Plan. The following week the mother's whereabouts were unknown. After several days it was discovered, by neighbors at the trailer park, that following the child's last time home the mother packed a couple of plastic bags and hitched a ride. They have not seen her for several days.

Think about you being the mother; think about ways you might feel about your life personally; think about how you might feel after each time that you see your daughter; think about how you would feel about the kind of parent you are.

1. Pick out a feeling the most closely fits with how you would feel and experience the situation in this scenario - then scale it.

Feelings

No feeling, sad, demoralized, angry, hopeless, ambivalent, hopeful, optimistic, happy, indifferent or other: state another choice.

List Your Predominant Feeling with Respect to How the Mother Must Feel, Based on How You Might Feel:

2. Rate your feeling

Rate the Level of the Feeling You Might Experience If You were the Mother

None	Minimal	Moderate	Significant	Extreme
1	2	3	4	5

3. Be prepared to discuss the thought and feeling process you went through to arrive at your rating.

4. How might this have influenced your interpersonal approach with this mother with respect to Safety Management?


Personal Qualities Influencing Safety Manager
Interpersonal Effectiveness
Empathy
Genuineness
Compassion
Respect
Motive

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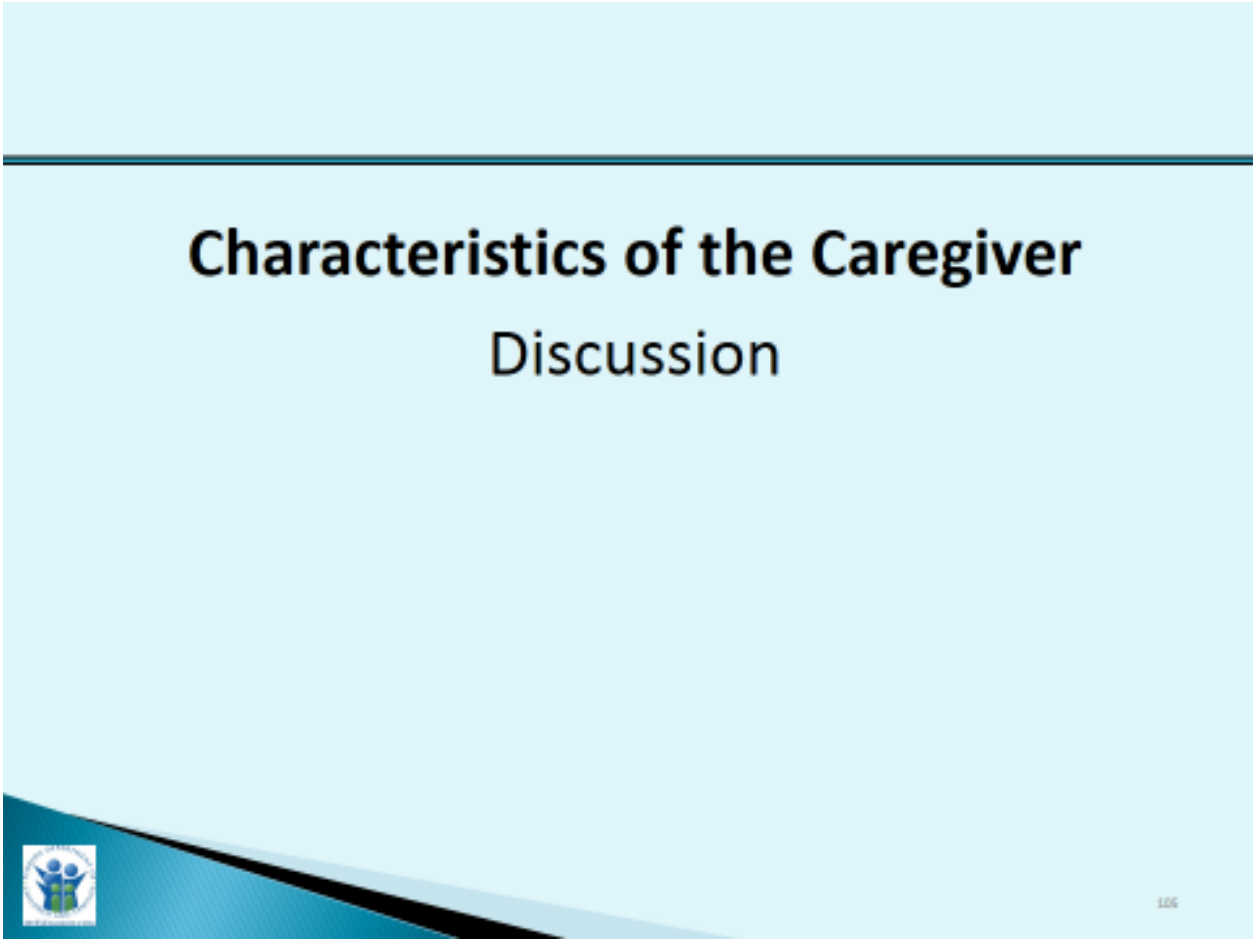

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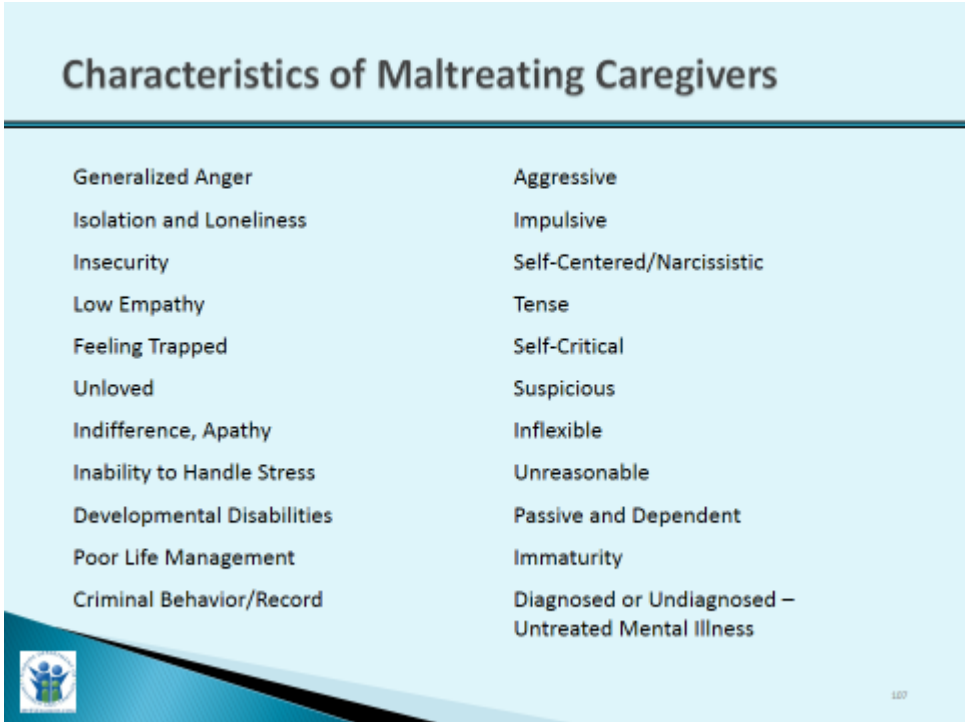
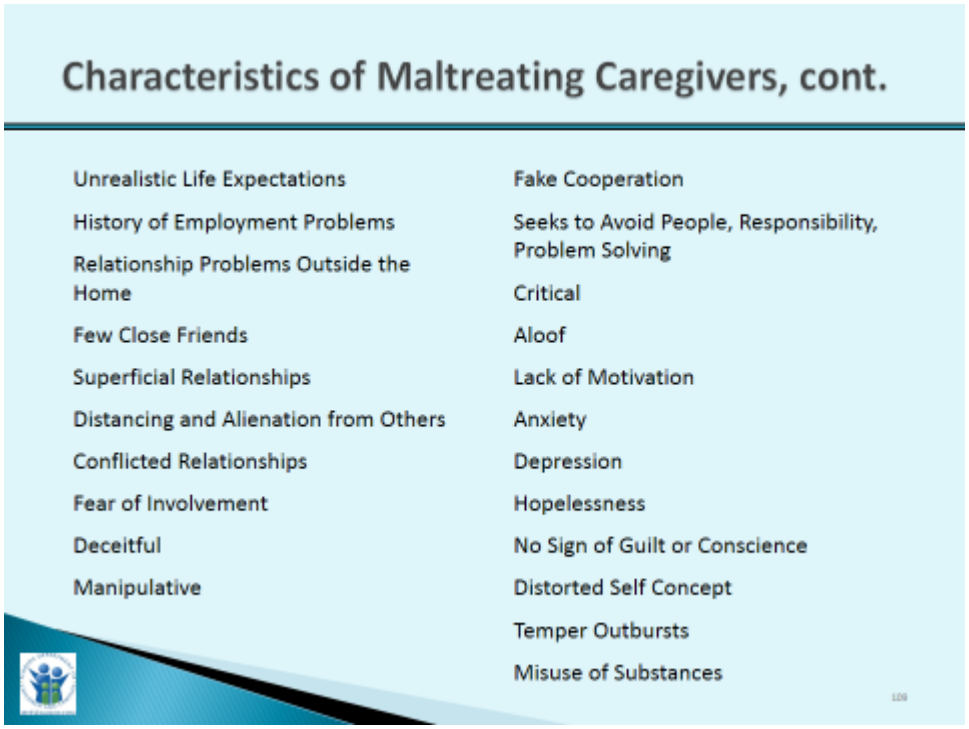

Characteristics of Maltreating Caregivers
Generalized Anger
Isolation and Loneliness
Insecurity
Low Empathy
Feeling Trapped
Unloved
Indifference, Apathy
Inability to Handle Stress
Developmental Disabilities
Poor Life Management
Criminal Behavior/Record
Aggressive
Impulsive
Self-Centered/Narcissistic
Tense
Self-Critical
Suspicious
Inflexible
Unreasonable
Passive and Dependent
Immaturity
Diagnosed or Undiagnosed – Untreated Mental Illness


Characteristics of Maltreating Caregivers, cont.
Unrealistic Life Expectations
History of Employment Problems
Relationship Problems Outside the Home
Few Close Friends
Superficial Relationships
Distancing and Alienation from Others
Conflicted Relationships
Fear of Involvement
Deceitful
Manipulative
Fake Cooperation
Seeks to Avoid People, Responsibility, Problem Solving
Critical
Aloof
Lack of Motivation
Anxiety
Depression
Hopelessness
No Sign of Guilt or Conscience
Distorted Self Concept
Temper Outbursts
Misuse of Substances

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"What people really need is a good listening to."
Mary Lou Casey –
(Motivational Interviewing, 2nd Ed.)
More than Physically Hearing. It Requires Discipline and the Right Attitude and Mind Set.

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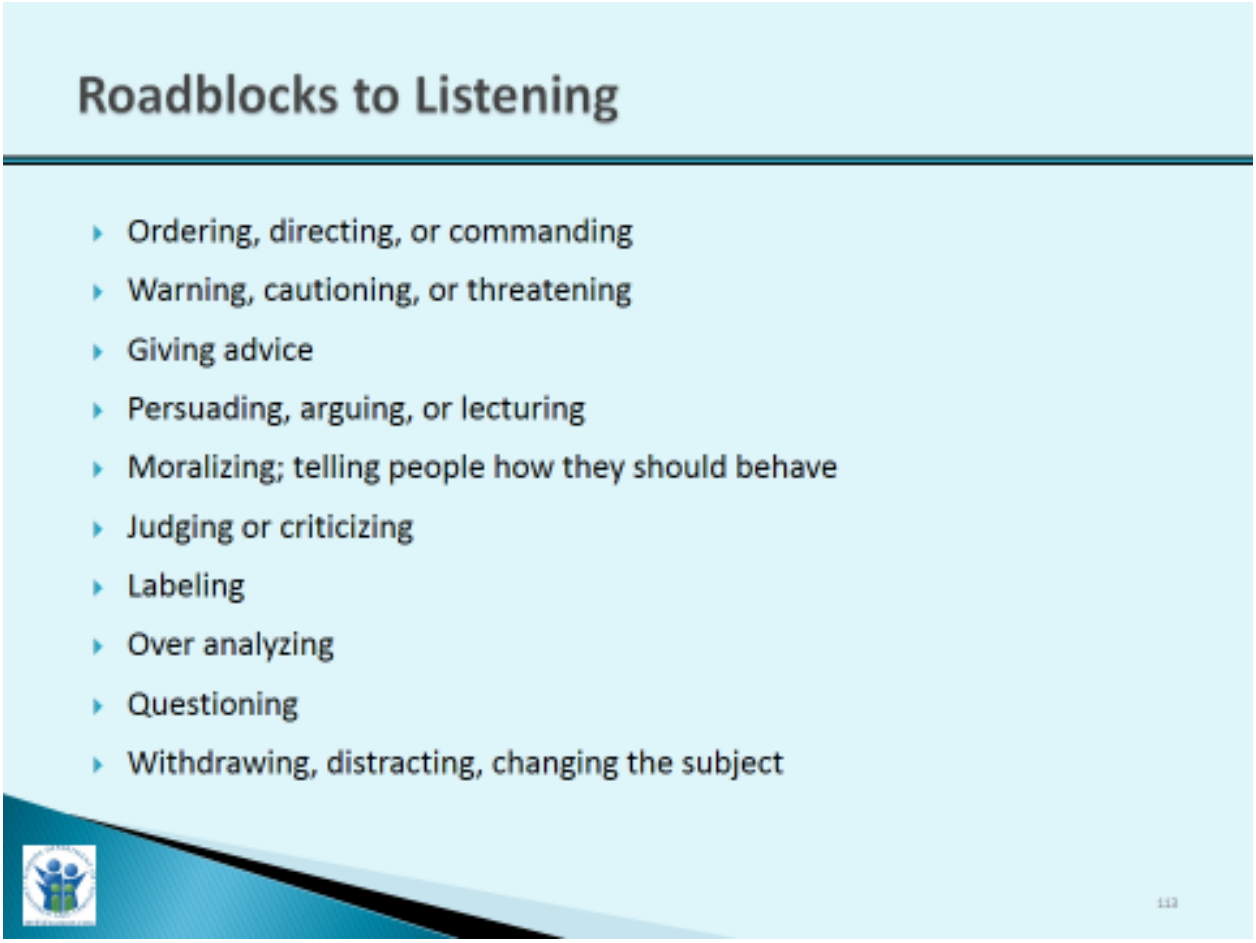
Roadblocks to Listening
Ordering, directing, or commanding
Warning, cautioning, or threatening
Giving advice
Persuading, arguing, or lecturing
Moralizing; telling people how they should behave
Judging or criticizing
Labeling
Over analyzing
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Withdrawing, distracting, changing the subject
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Interpersonal Core Skills

Listening Skills

Attending

Attending behaviors are verbal and nonverbal. You focus your attention on the caregiver rather than your agenda or your line of questioning. Attending behavior involves "matching" the caregiver's non-verbal behavior by consciously manipulating and controlling your own non-verbal skills and responses. Primary attending behaviors include: eye contact, facial expressions, body language, posturing and gesturing, following, reflecting, and vocal qualities—tone and pace. You are attending when you nod; say "yes" or "mm-hmm" or "right" or "I understand" or "sure" to show you are staying tuned in.

Paraphrasing

Paraphrasing occurs during listening when you respond to basic messages. Paraphrasing is restating a message, but usually with fewer words. Where possible, try and get more to the point. Paraphrase to test your understanding of what you heard. You communicate that you are trying to understand what is being said. If you are successful, paraphrasing indicates that you are following the caregiver's verbal explorations and that you are beginning to understand the basic message. When paraphrasing, consider what the caregiver appears to be thinking and feeling.

The primary intent of paraphrasing during Safety Service delivery conversations is to facilitate the clarification of statements, issues, and concerns. Paraphrasing may involve selecting and using a caregiver's own key words. This enables you to better judge whether what you heard from a caregiver was in fact accurate. Beyond your reuse of the caregiver's key words, it is important to note that paraphrasing is not simply stating back the person's comments verbatim. Paraphrasing involves formulating the essential message that the caregiver is conveying and then stating that message back in your own words. When using this listening skill, make sure that you always check out the accuracy of your statement by concluding the paraphrase with a simple question such as: "Is that correct?" "Does that sound accurate?"

Clarifying

Clarifying is the process of bringing vague material shared by the caregiver into sharper focus. You try to untangle your unclear or wrong interpretation of what the caregiver is communicating. You do this by getting more information. This can also be helpful for the caregiver to see other points of view. By clarifying you bring more certainty in identifying what was said. You might say, "I'm a little confused. Let me try to say what I think you have been telling me" or "Tell me more about that. I'm not sure I get what you mean."

Perception Checking

This is a request for verification from the caregiver of your perceptions. Somewhat like clarifying, perception checking emphasizes to the caregiver that you are focused on listening and interested in getting the caregivers messages accurately. This allows you to give and receive feedback. This allows you to check out your assumptions. Here is an example: "Let me see if I've got it straight. You said that you love your children and that they are very important to you. At the same time you can't stand being with them. Is that what you are saying? Have I got that right?"

Summarizing

Summarizing is pulling together, organizing, and integrating the major aspects of what you have listened to from the caregiver and what your dialogue with the caregiver has been about. You provide a summary of the various themes and emotional overtones. You put key ideas and feelings into broad statements. You do not add new ideas or introduce new content. Your summary gives a sense of movement and accomplishment to the communication and the listening experience. It provides a foundation for further discussion that might occur at a later safety service delivery exchange. Summarizing provides to the caregiver your understanding of the major ideas, facts and feelings that you have been listening to.

Leading Skills: **Leading skills provide direction to the conversation and interaction.**

Encouraging

This skill serves to keep people talking about a particular topic, issue, or concern. Encouraging may be as simple as using a slight verbal prompt such as: "Uh-huh"; "I see"; "Go on"; "Then what?" Encouraging may also involve you using precisely chosen key words or key phrases, stated by the caregiver in order to get the person to elaborate further such as: "Angry?"; "Not the first time?"; "Always happens?"; "You screwed up?"

Focusing

This skill helps you control confusion, diffusion, and vagueness. You direct or re-direct the conversation and intentionally increase or decrease caregiver feedback. Focusing enables you to consider an issue from multiple perspectives. Focus on the caregiver by using reflection and open-ended questions to stimulate caregivers statements back to him or her. For instance, "You're pretty upset about this. Talk with me a little bit about how long you've been feeling like this."

You can focus on a main theme by directing the focus of a caregiver's statements onto a central issue, concern or subject. This enables you to gain more insight about "facts"…"pieces of information" regarding situations, issues, circumstances, etc. For instance, "I know right now it's hard for you to think about anything other how your life is being interfered with. It is frustrating. But right now it would be helpful for you to talk with me more about your attempts at getting your feelings under control."

You can focus on others by directing the focus of a caregiver's statements into individuals outside of the family. For instance, "What does your friend Gail think about what is happening?"

You can focus on the family. If caregiver issues relate to other individuals in the family network, consider opportunities to direct the focus of the caregiver's statement onto other family members. For instance, you could ask, "In talking about the struggles that you've been having with Joey, how much support have you been getting from your husband?"

You can focus on mutual groups or issues. This directs a caregiver's statement toward common ground and/or mutual areas of agreement. For instance, you could focus by saying, "Angry. You feel this is an over-reaction. I'm hoping that you and I can kind work together so that you can feel more invested in the Safety Plan. Is that possible?"

You can even focus on yourself. This directs a caregiver's statement onto you by using either self-disclosure or "I" statements. For instance, "That was my take on what was said and how the decision got made," or "Well, my impression of what occurred when the public nurse was here was…" or "I think it might be helpful for us to go back to what you were saying about…" or "I had an experience like you are describing a while back. Let me share it with you."

Questioning

To lead a conversation you can use open and closed questions.

Open Questions - Typically you want to attempt to begin each new line of questioning and/or transition in topic with an open-ended question. Open questions help to remove you from the responsibility for "carrying" the exchange, by establishing a conversational quality to the interaction. Open questions are questions that cannot be answered "yes" or "no" or in just a few words. Open questions require the caregiver to elaborate with a wider range of responses. Open questions typically begin with words like what, where, how, and why. Open-ended questions can occur within a conversation as inquiries that are not really questions such as, "Tell me about what you were feeling when Bill said that," or "I'm wondering how you were feeling when Bill said that." Although not appearing in the form of a question, the effect is the same.

Closed Questions - Closed questions are used to restrict or narrow the focus of a caregiver's response. Closed questions can be used purposefully when precise detail and greater clarity is needed from the caregiver. As an exception, closed questions may be used more frequently when there are time constraints or when you are conversing with a caregiver who is concrete or is not very verbal.

Reflecting

Reflecting is a skill used to indicate your understanding about what a caregiver believes, thinks, feels, perceives, and understands. Reflecting is done through reflective listening statements. After listening to a caregiver, state your interpretation back to the caregiver. Your

interpretation of what the caregiver is communicating is based on both verbal responses and non-verbal cues from the caregiver (See Listening.) As a skill and mental process, reflective listening statements begin with (1) listening to what is being communicated by the caregiver (e.g., "I am really pissed off"); then (2) processing the information and speculating as to the meaning of what the caregiver is saying (e.g., this parent appears to feel his independence is being taken away from him); and then (3) "reflecting" the meaning back to the caregiver in the form of a statement (e.g., "It must feel like your life is being taken over by everyone"). A statement is used rather than a question, because a statement is less likely to produce caregiver resistance, and, further, a statement triggers the caregiver to re-examine the accuracy of his/her perceptions and thoughts.

Informing

Providing caregivers direction and guidance based on your experience and expertise can promote participation and movement during Safety Service delivery. Through offering ideas and options for a caregiver to consider, you can contribute to and stimulate the conversation and more creative thinking on the part of the caregiver. Providing caregivers with information empowers them. It communicates to them that they are significant enough in their work with you that you are committed to giving them resources which increase their capacity to participate in the safety management process.

Informing should be thought of in elaborate ways. It can involve providing and reviewing written information; providing instructions; identifying resources and how to access them; coaching; teaching knowledge and skill; putting the caregiver in touch with a learning opportunity and so on. These ways of informing have to do with provision of information that is requested or needed by the caregiver or needed as a part of implementing the In-Home Safety Plan. Caregivers also want to know the big picture in terms of what is happening as a part of Safety Management. Informing caregivers routinely and specifically without being asked is an expression of informing as a leading skill.

Be mindful that informing a caregiver occurs within the context of relevance to Safety Management. In other words, informing is a leading skill when it contributes to the delivery of Safety Services. Information that you give to a caregiver that is not within that context maybe helpful to them; maybe an expression of your interest in the caregiver; but is not necessarily what is being defined here as a skill.

Advising

During the course of Safety Service delivery conversations, you give suggestions and opinions based on your experience; your special knowledge; or your critical thinking. Providing advice can be tricky. Keep timing, need, and openness in mind. Providing suggestions and opinions should occur selectively when, during the course of a conversation, you judge that providing some direction through advice or suggestions could get the caregiver "unstuck." Advising may be right because the caregiver expresses the need for such guidance. Your judgment to advise could be prompted by the caregiver's questions, such as "Well, what would you do?" Beware that too much advice-giving can feel controlling; can be experienced as "bossy" or "parenting";

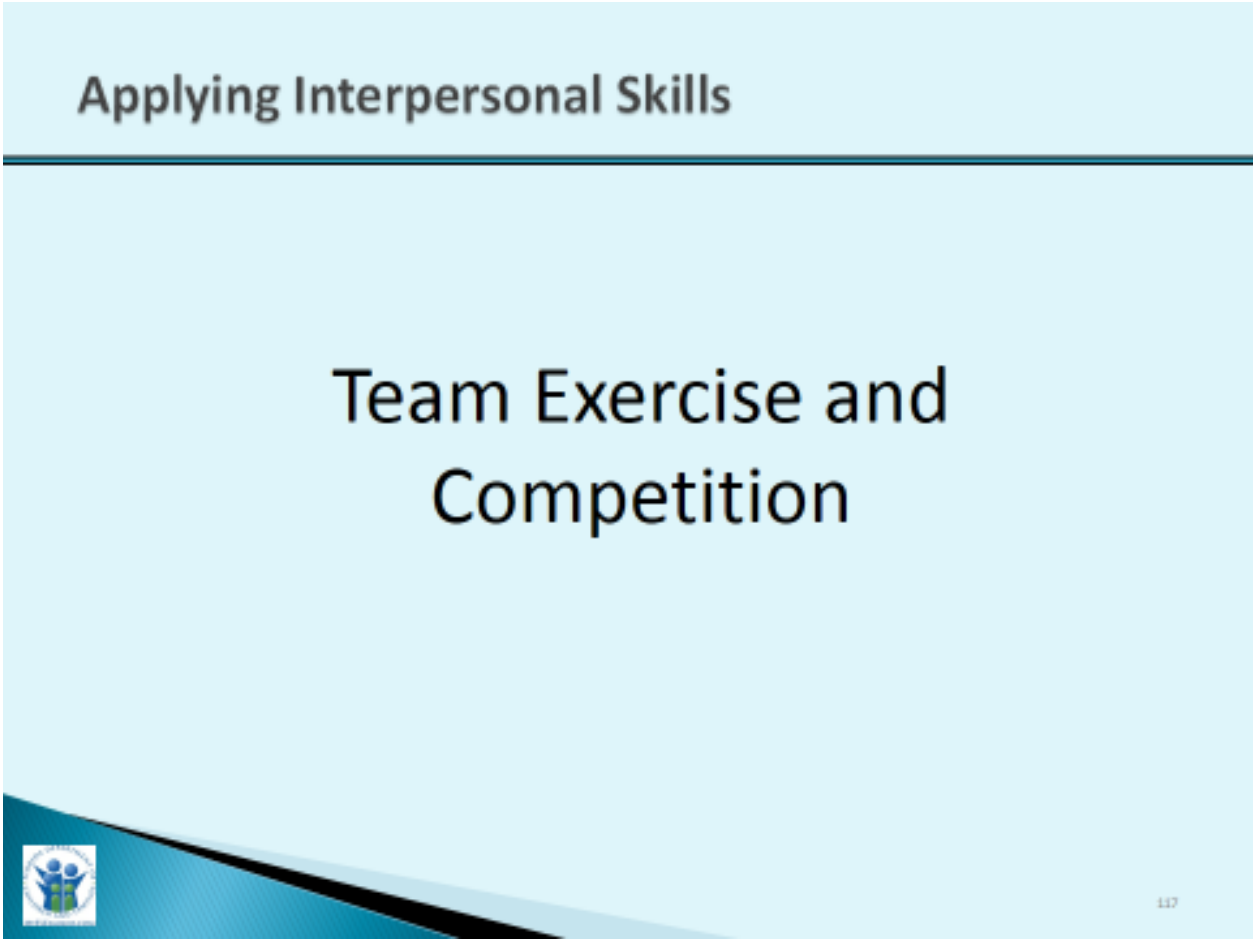
can reinforce dependency rather than free thinking. As your relationship with the caregiver proceeds, you will gain confidence about the caregiver's openness and readiness to receive suggestions and advice. Caregivers who are closed to advice can become resentful, passive resistant, or avoiding, and these kinds of responses are exactly the opposite of what you intend a leading skill to produce.

Confrontation

Confrontation is an initiating skill. Confrontation is "telling it like it is." This is a tricky skill. What meaning does "confrontation" have for you in a general sense? The popular use of the term is associated with conflict, hostility, opposition, argument, and so forth. When the purpose of your statement to a caregiver is to "tell it like it is," those more familiar terms and meanings do not apply. Confrontation as an interpersonal skill points out to a caregiver incongruence in what she says and/or her behavior. You observe and describe in specific terms (concreteness) the discrepancy you see between a caregiver's words, actions, and feelings. Think of confrontation as "facing up" to what is probably obvious – to you, if not to the caregiver. "Have you noticed…"; "Does it occur to you…"; "How's that working out for you…" are the sorts of expressions you can offer to invite caregivers to examine their behavior; to test out their reality; to consider how honest they are with themselves.

There are some things to keep in mind related to confrontation (of the kind emphasized here.) Timing is important. Timing has to do with how long you have been providing Safety Services in the caregiver's home and how comfortable the relationship is between you and the caregiver. Caring is important. Caregivers will be more open to examine their behavior based on what you say if they believe you have their best interest at heart. The need to know is important. This means being selective about how important the incongruence or discrepancy is in relation to Safety Management, and how critical the need is for the caregiver to know and do something at the time.

Be sure of your facts and what you believe to be incongruent. Remember concreteness in terms of being able to describe in specific, concrete ways what you are sharing with the caregiver. Avoid over-stating the issue – making too big a deal out of it. Be objective about confronting the discrepancies or incongruence between words, actions, and feelings, but be subjective about your interest in the caregiver.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Practice Using Core Interpersonal Skills

Instructions:

As previously noted, managing and directly providing a Safety Service is not a passive activity. Safety Management is guided by objectives. The achievement of objectives requires that Safety Managers are thoughtful in their approach when working with caregivers and purposeful in their use of interpersonal skills. It is important to emphasize that the use of interpersonal skills at any given time during meetings with caregivers is intentional. The Case Manager uses an interpersonal skill on purpose in order to gain or stimulate a desired response from a caregiver. The intentional use of skills is necessary for promoting engagement; for guiding conversations; for eliciting information; for providing information; and for supporting and encouraging caregivers.

This exercise will involve participants working in teams to practice intentionally using skills to facilitate a conversation. Participants will be divided into teams of four (4). Each person in the practice team will take a turn "practicing" the use of core interpersonal skills. In preparation for the exercise, participants can refer to the handout on interpersonal techniques as needed.

Specific Instructions:

1. Once into your practice team, decide who will go first in facilitating the conversation using interpersonal skills. Also, decide who will participate in the conversation.
2. Each person will be the facilitator, and each person will take a turn participating in a conversation with a facilitator.
3. The person who is in the conversation with the facilitator should first choose one of the following conversation topics, or pick another topic of their own choosing and inform the facilitator:

    - **Something that I am not very good at, but wish that I was**
    - **Something that I have to do or have had to do routinely that I did not want to**
    - **Something that I would change if I had the ability to do so**

    It is important that the topic chosen is substantive enough to have a conversation about for 5 minutes.
4. The facilitator, who will attempt to use interpersonal skills to facilitate the conversation, is responsible for facilitating the conversation.
5. Once it has been decided who will facilitate the conversation, and who participate in the conversation with the facilitator, the conversation should begin.
6. Each conversation will last approximately 5 minutes.
7. While the conversation is occurring, it is the objective of the person facilitating the conversation to attempt to intentionally use as many interpersonal skills as appropriate.
8. The two team members who are observing the conversation should keep a tally of the number of core interpersonal skills used during the conversation. They should keep their tally on the exercise worksheet *Interpersonal Skill Tally Score card*. It may be easier if the score keepers divide out the skills to keep track of. For instance one score keeper could

track the skills Attending through Focusing and the other score keeper could track Questioning through Confrontation.

9. As an option, the person practicing the use of skills can have the option of stopping the conversation one time to quickly refer to the handout on interpersonal skills, or to confer with fellow team members about use of interpersonal skills.
10. At the end of the four rotations, the total will be added up.

Practicing the Intentional Use of Core Interpersonal Skills
Tally Score Card

Attending

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Paraphrasing

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Clarifying

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Perception Checking

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Summarizing

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Encouraging

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Focusing

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Questioning (Open or Closed)

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Reflecting

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Informing

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
3rd Person: *Total-*
4th Person: *Total-*

Advising

1st Person: *Total-*
2nd Person: *Total-*
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4th Person: *Total-*

Confrontation

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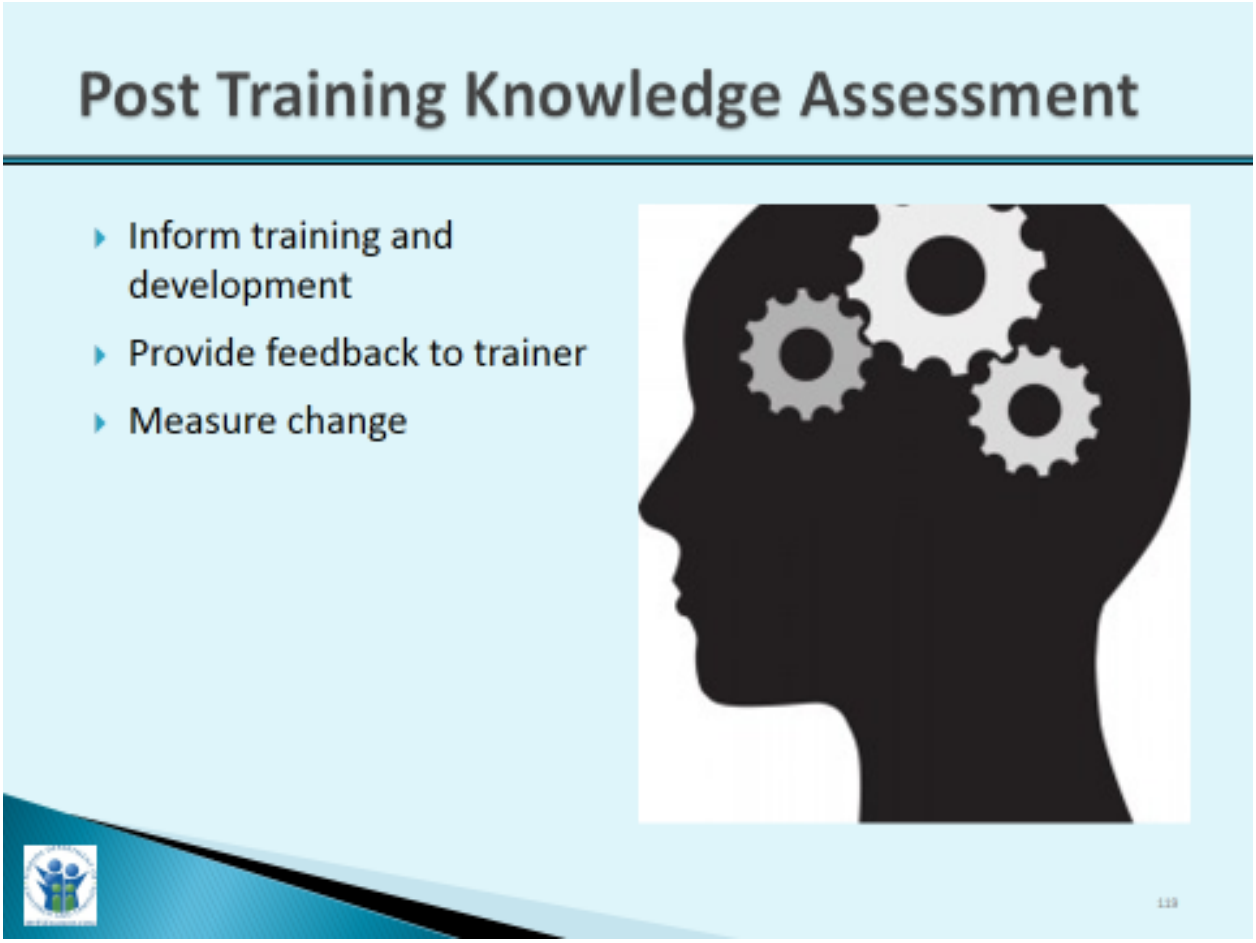

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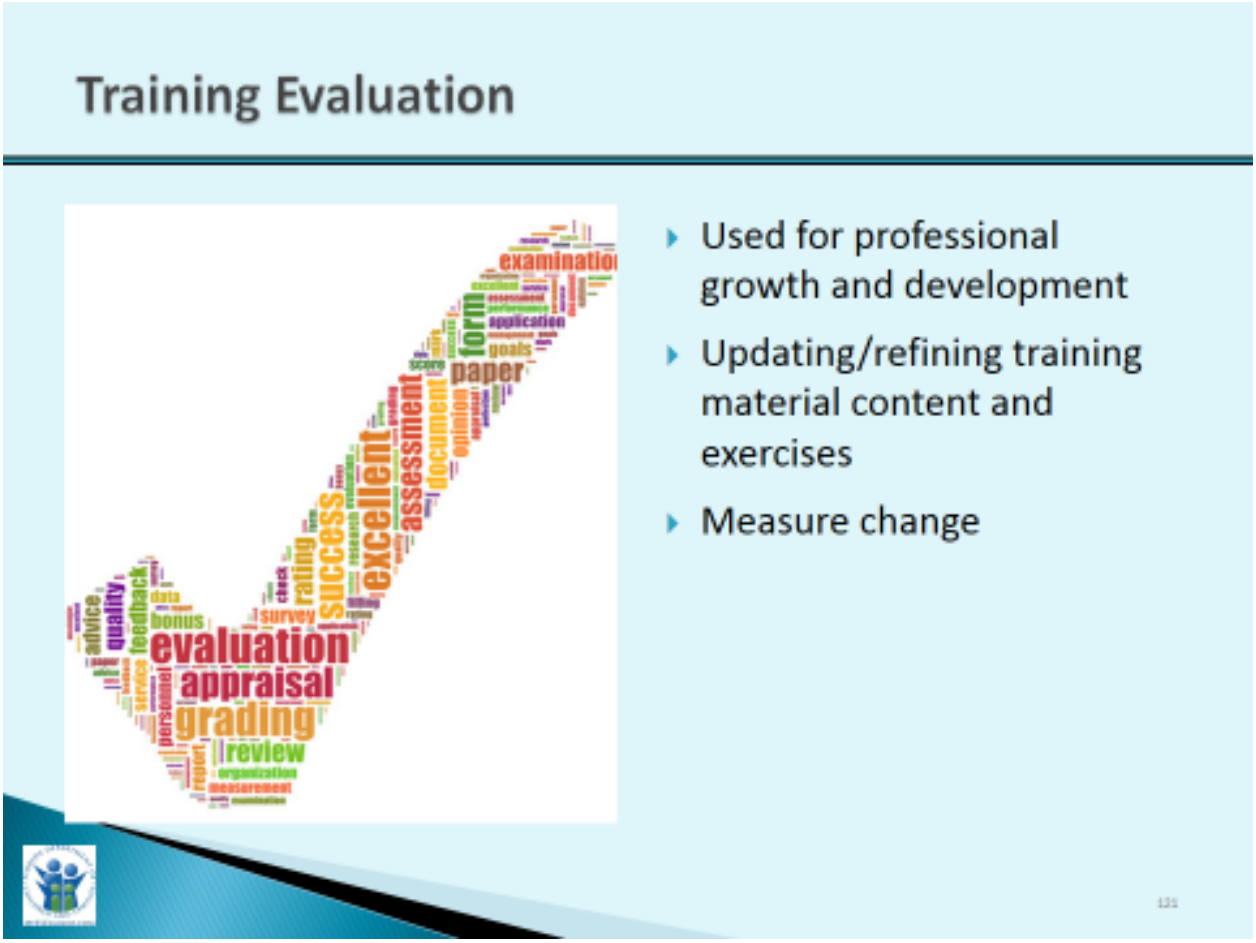

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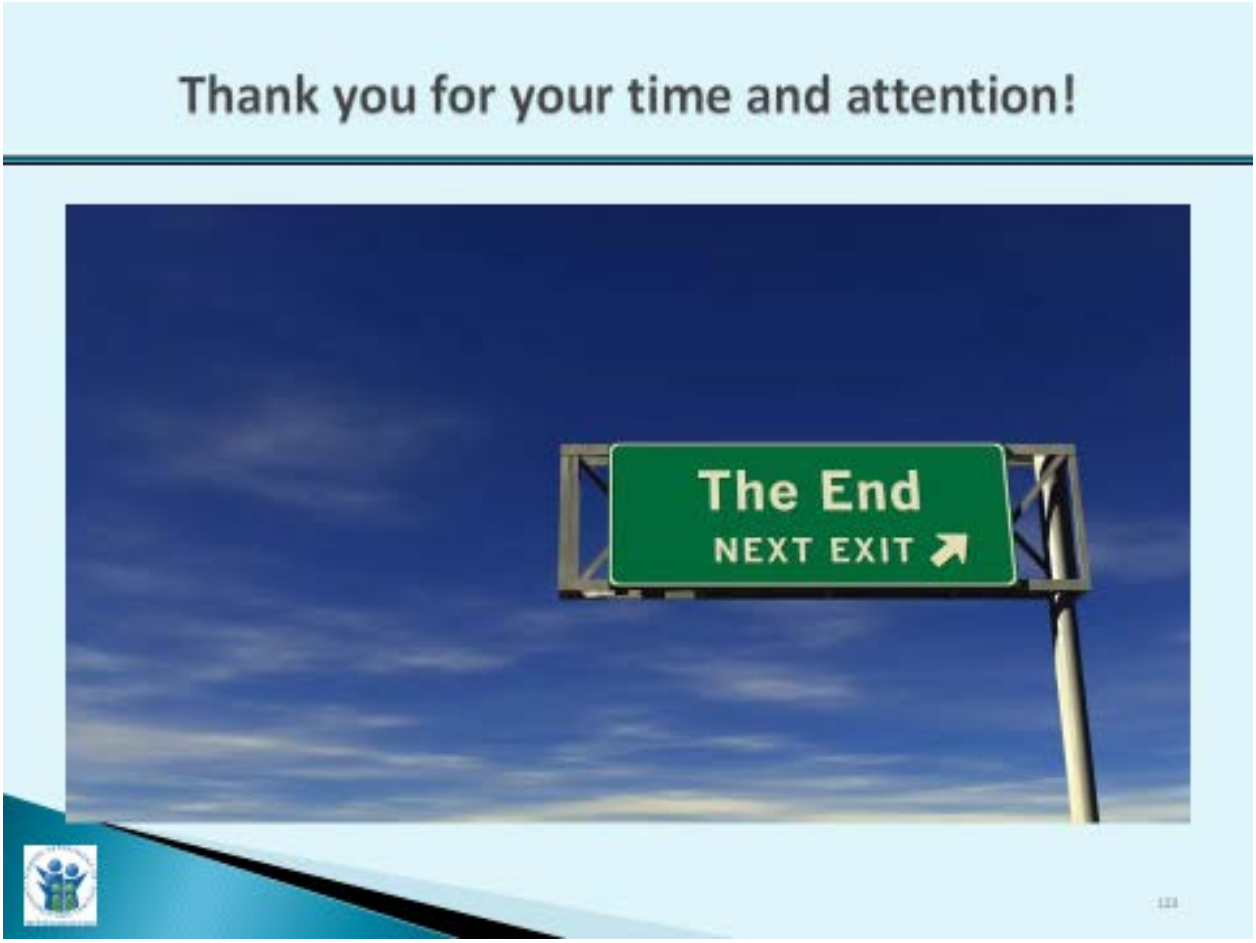
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