

### PRESENT DANGER

Present danger threats are identified when the threat(s) are:

- **immediate,**
- **significant,**
- **clearly observable, and**
- **actively occurring** at the point of contact.

Present danger is usually identified at initial contact, however can occur during the course of an investigation or while the family is receiving case management services. Serious harm will result without prompt investigation and/or case manager response.

### DANGER THREATS

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.

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. (Rarely used as impending danger threat.)

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.

### DANGER THREATS

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. (Rarely used as impending danger threat.)

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.

Child shows serious emotional symptoms requiring intervention and/or lacks behavioral control and/or exhibits self-destructive behavior that parent/legal guardian/caregiver is unwilling or unable to manage.

### DANGER THREATS

Parent/legal guardian/caregiver is violent, impulsive, or acting dangerously in ways that seriously harmed the child or will likely seriously harm to the child.

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 seriously harmed.

Parent/legal guardian/caregiver is threatening to seriously harm the child; is fearful he/she will seriously harm the child.

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.