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Quick Sheets



Threats: Specific, observable, out of control, immediate or imminent, and severe



Vulnerability:

Is this child vulnerable to this threat?



Protective factors: Behavioral, cognitive, and emotional characteristics



<u>Safe</u> = no threats, child is not vulnerable to threat, or there is sufficient protective capacity to control threats

<u>Not safe</u> = threats exist to which child is vulnerable, and parents have insufficient protective capacity to control threats

Safety Planning

- Sufficient
- Feasible
- Sustainable
- Threat is often ongoing
- Use Safety Plan to frame Reasonable or Active Efforts to prevent removal



Case Planning

- Use Safety Framework to design case plan
- · Looking toward the court and department exiting the family
- Usually requires changes in parental resources and protective capacity
- What does progress look like?

Terminating Jurisdiction

- Threats eliminated
- Protective capacity enhanced to control threats
- Combination of both

