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Safety Planning

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Agenda



Introductions



Differences between danger, risk, and needs



SDM[®] safety assessment logic: From safety threats to safety plans



What makes a good safety plan?



Q&A



What is your comfort level with:

- The Structured Decision Making® (SDM) system?
- Assessing for safety?
- Addressing safety concerns?



National Stats on Child Safety



1.9 million reports
requiring CPS action

1,545 child deaths due
to abuse or neglect

415,000 children in
foster care

Needs, Risk, and Safety Threats



Safety Threat/Danger

Imminent threat of serious harm

Risk

Indicates likelihood of future maltreatment

Needs

- May be related to danger (safety) or risk
- May need to be addressed on case plan

Safety Versus Risk





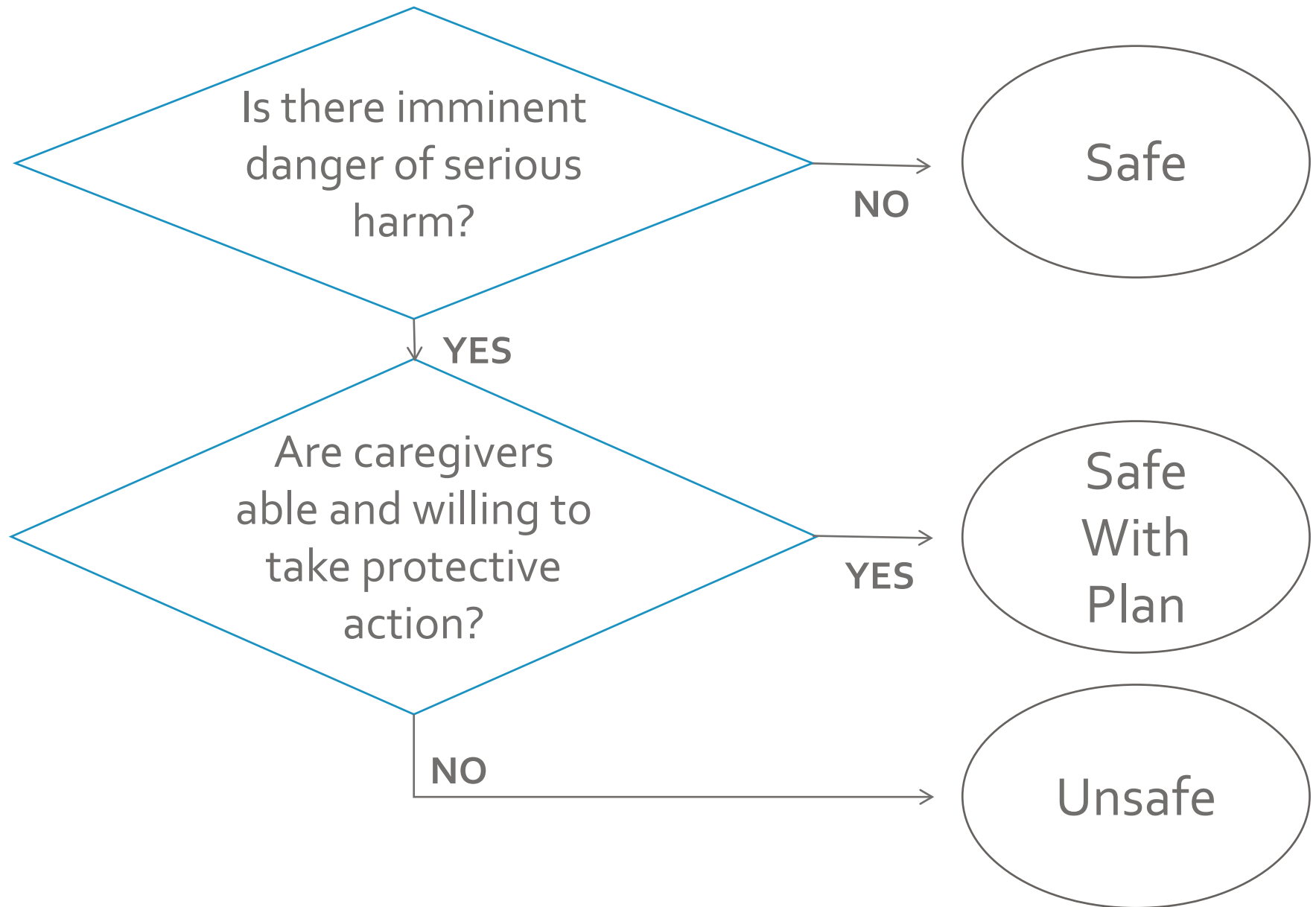
Knowledge Exercise

Immediate Versus Long-Term Safety





Knowledge Exercise





What is a safety plan?

What is a safety plan?

Action plan of
changed
behavior

Responds to
clearly
identified safety
threats

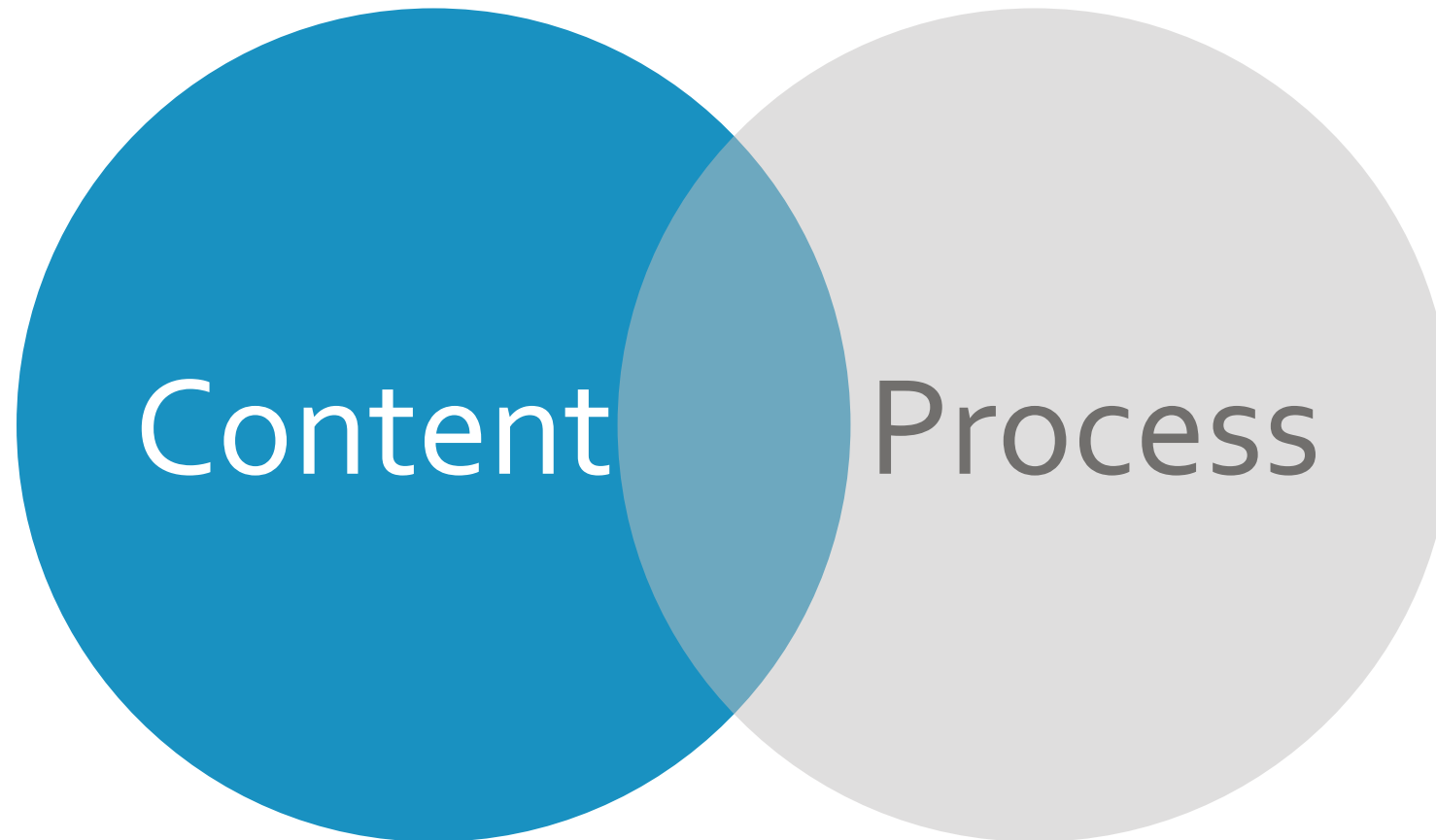
Short term

Must include
family, network,
and older
children

Has clear
backup and
monitoring
plans

A clear time for
review

What is a safety plan?





Thank you!

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