

Assessing Impending Danger

Threshold Criteria and Impending Danger Threats

Week 3

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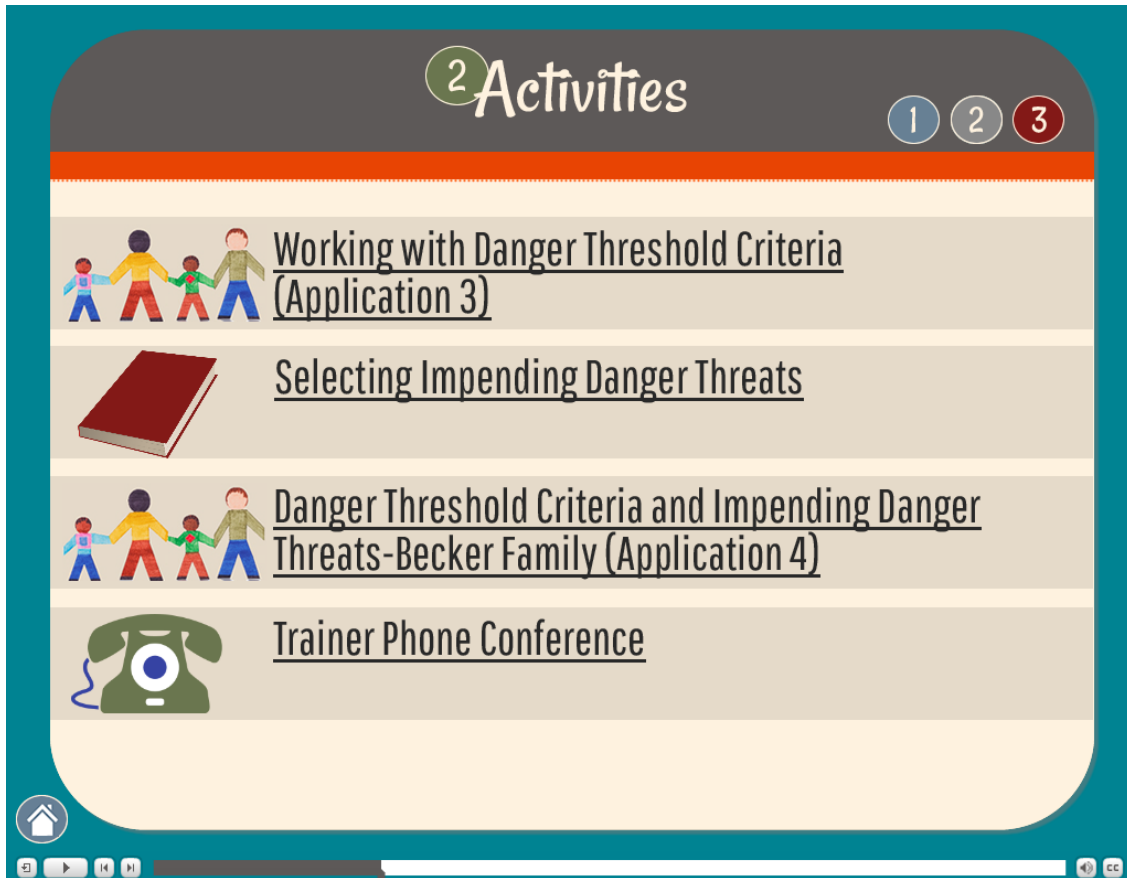
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This week we'll continue our step by step examination of the Assessment of Impending Danger. Once we've identified the behaviors and conditions that require further attention from CPS, we hold them up to the Danger Threshold Criteria.

This is our professional assessment tool for determining whether they constitute a threat to child safety. Rigorous, consistent use of the Danger Threshold Criteria is critical to solid decision making and professionalism in CPS.

Safety Assessments are documented using a standardized list of Impending Danger Threats. We'll work with them this week, as well.



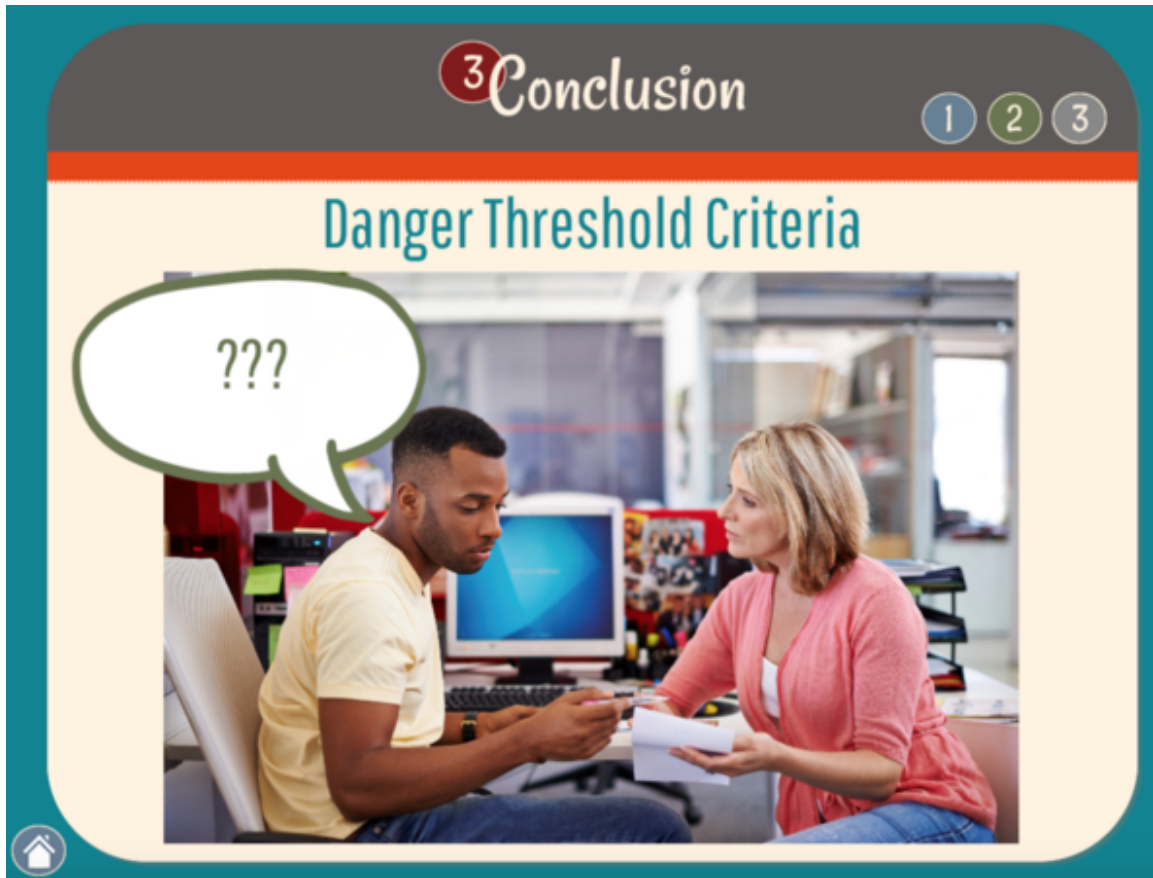
Please click on the activity icons to hear about this week's activities. Then click on the corresponding link to download files.

Working with Danger Threshold Criteria (Application 3): You'll start this week by writing short case scenarios to illustrate Threshold Criteria.

Selecting Impending Danger Threats (paper): This paper provides guidance on the selection of Impending Danger Threats and information about specific Impending Danger Threats. Read it before you complete Application 4.

Danger Threshold Criteria and Impending Danger Threats-Becker Family (Application 4): Now that you've identified solid observable conditions in the Becker family, hold each up to the Danger Threshold Criteria. If it meets the criteria, select the appropriate Impending Danger Threat.

Trainer Phone Conference: On this phone conference, you'll get feedback on your work. It's an opportunity to discuss any questions or wonderings you have about the Danger Threshold Criteria and Impending Danger Threats.



This week we spent significant time thinking about the Danger Threshold Criteria. It's critical to rigorous CPS practice but staff don't always embrace it.

Have you ever had to respond to questions like this?

Worker: "This is a lot of work. Why do we need to do it?"

How would you respond? Click on the speech bubble to hear how this supervisor handled the question.

Supervisor: "The Danger Threshold Criteria provides the basis for professional judgment, controls for bias, promotes consistency among workers and agencies, and provides language for discussing and explaining safety decision making."

We've examined the steps in the analytic process of assessing Impending Danger. Next week, you'll put this all together when you complete a Safety Assessment on a case from your agency.