

Impending Danger Threats

Safety Assessment of an Agency Case

Agency Case

Week 4

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Practice = Repetition + Feedback



Excellence Depends on Practice

Assessing Impending Danger is a complex process. Learning these skills requires repetition and feedback. Supervising Safety offers a unique opportunity for supervisors to receive individual feedback on their work.

While you assess Impending Danger in this week's Application, don't just think about your answers. Think about your analytic process, too. Supervisors need to be able to describe this process and support workers in performing it.

You can only be confident in the result of an assessment if you are confident in the analytic process that arrived at that conclusion.

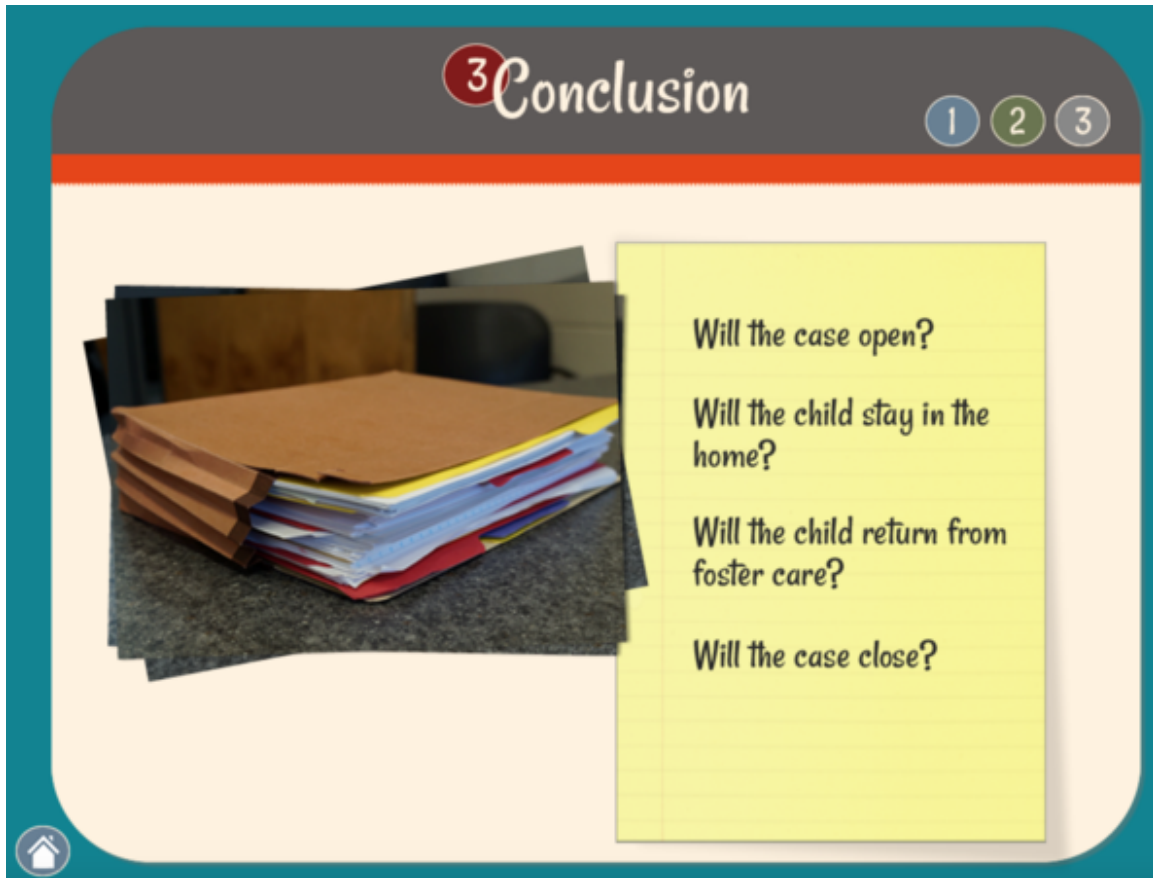


Please click on the activity icons to hear about this week's activities. Then click on the corresponding link to download files.

Safety Assessment of an Agency Case (Application 5): First, you will complete an independent Safety Assessment on a case from your agency. After you have completed it, you will compare your Safety Assessment to that of your worker.

Learning Buddy Conversation: What did you learn about practice in your agency from this week's activity? That will be the focus of your conversation with your Learning Buddy.

Trainer Phone Conference: This is your opportunity to get feedback on your work.



Think about the number of Safety Assessments that may be completed over the life of a case.

Safety Assessment is critical when deciding

- whether a case will open,
- whether children will remain in their home,
- when they will return from foster care and
- when we will end CPS involvement.

The responsibility is sobering. These decisions can change the course of a family's life. It is critical we approach them with solid, consistent decision-making.

Your skills can be life changing for children and families, but there's more. Think back to when you started working with families in CPS.

What kind of support and guidance did you have? Did your supervisor teach you how to approach your work so that it was professional, knowledgeable and compassionate? Supervisors can change the lives of workers, too.