**Assessing Safety**

**Threats:**

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

**Vulnerability:**

Is this child vulnerable to this threat?

**Protective capacity:**

Behavioral, cognitive, and emotional characteristics of the parent

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***Safe = no threats, child is not vulnerable to threat, or there is sufficient protective capacity to control threats***

***Not safe = threats exist to which child is vulnerable,***

***and parents have insufficient protective capacity to control threats***