



# Safety Revisions

## 2023 Q3 Talking Points

### What is the work being done on the Safety Revisions Project?

The DCF Safety Revisions Team has been working on developing ideas for changes to several components of the Safety Process in Wisconsin. The team has researched information from other states; sought feedback from stakeholders (including the Safety Revisions Workgroup); continued to examine and analyze critical data points; and is working to present options to executive leadership for guidance on potential future changes. No decisions have been made as to how changes will be implemented and there will be opportunities for further stakeholder input before anything moves forward. However, some of the concepts currently being explored are:

- The possibility of moving from two sets of safety threats (Present Danger and Impending Danger) to one list of threats (Safety Threats) that would be used regardless of where in the case a threat to child safety is identified.
  - ◊ In order to stage important downstream decisions related to a consolidated safety threat list, the team is also exploring how this would impact Access, and what changes would be necessary as a result of having only one list of Safety Threats.
- The potential of having a streamlined safety threat analysis and planning process and integration toward one safety plan document, rather than having two different types of plans depending on which type of threat is identified.
  - ◊ Some things that are being considered as part of this practice area improvement include:
    - \* Opportunities to build on what is initially known about the family when child protective service professionals learn more.
    - \* Researching ways to develop one critical analytic and intentional reassessment process that can be used from initial contact with the family until child protective service involvement ends.
- Ways of centering family voice and elevating strengths in the assessment, analysis, and planning process.

### What is the timeline for changes to be implemented?

These changes are anticipated to be implemented in Standards, training, and eWiSACWIS in 2025. As the project progresses, additional details and a more specific timeline for implementation will be regularly communicated to local child protective service agencies.

### When can local child welfare agencies expect to hear more information?

The Safety Revisions Team is developing a communications plan to provide updates to child protective service professionals in the coming months. Child welfare professionals can expect updates to be provided on the [Safety Revisions website](#), as well as to supervisors at BRO Regional Supervisor meetings. Do you have suggestions on how you'd like to see this information communicated? Let us know!

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