

# **PA RISK ASSESSMENT: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FACTORS AND SUMMARY**

## **Competencies:**

204-3     The child welfare professional knows how to use the risk assessment instrument

## **Learning Objectives:**

- Create an understanding of risk assessment
- Assist participants in making less subjective judgments about their families and the risks to their children
- Understand how to relate 15 risk factors to the allegations and information received during an investigation or during ongoing services
- Analyze the dynamics of a family by using the risk factors to document the importance of how the risk levels assigned relate to the safety of a child
- Understand how the interaction of factors impacts the level of risk
- Demonstrate the ability to write an effective summary
- Understand how to analyze the dynamics of a family and document their ratings on the matrix
- Write an effective risk summary