

GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Note: The following definitions are provided for training purposes only and are not regulatory definitions

Child Maltreatment

Parenting behavior that is harmful and destructive to a child's cognitive, social, emotional and/or physical development; and

Those with parenting responsibilities who are unable, and/or, unwilling to behave differently.

Risk of Child Maltreatment

The **likelihood (chance, potential, or prospect)** for parenting behavior that is harmful and destructive to a child's cognitive, social, emotional, and/or physical development and those with parenting responsibility are unwilling or unable to behave differently.

Unsafe Child

Children are considered **unsafe** when they are vulnerable to safety threats and caregivers are unable or unwilling to provide protection.

Safe Child

Children are considered **safe** when there are no safety threats, or the caregivers' are able to provide protection and/or control existing threats.