# Learning Objectives and Competencies

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Recognize the importance of doing a thorough and accurate risk assessment to evaluate the future risk of harm.

- ✓ Explain the importance of linking the results of the assessment of risk to case planning and service provision.

**COMPETENCIES:**

- 106-1: The Child Welfare Professional knows the personal, interpersonal, family, and environmental factors which increase the risk of maltreatment of children.

- 106-2: The Child Welfare Professional knows investigation and interviewing strategies to assess and determine the degree of risk to a child remaining in the home.

- 106-3: The Child Welfare Professional knows how to use the risk assessment tool.

- 106-4: The Child Welfare Professional is able to gather pertinent information from the family, the child, and from collateral sources; can make an initial assessment of risk to the child and of the family's problems, needs, and strengths; and can make the appropriate case disposition.

- 106-5: The Child Welfare Professional understands the ways in which cultural variables can confound an assessment of child maltreatment, and can conduct investigation activities that are congruent with a family's cultural background.