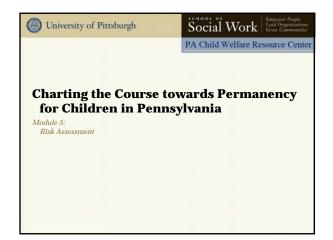
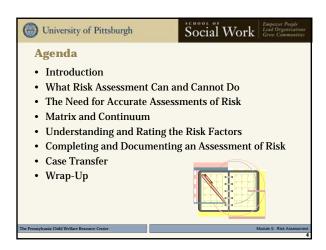
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accurate risk assessme harm. – Explain the importanc	

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Competencies			
106-1: The child welfare pro interpersonal, family, and en risk.	fessional knows the personal, vironmental factors which increase		
	fessional knows investigation and sess and determine the degree of risk to		
 106-3: The child welfare pro assessment tool. 	fessional knows how to use the risk		
106-4: The Child Welfare Professional is able to gather pertinent			
information and can make an initial assessment of risk and			
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.			
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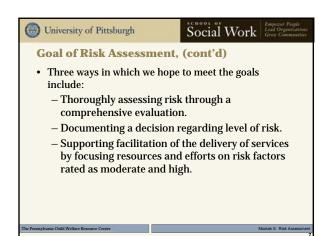
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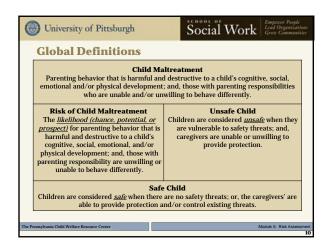
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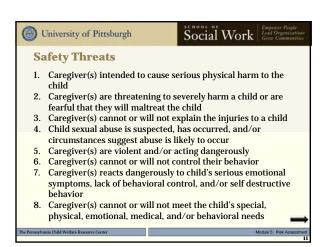


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What is Different About.	••	
 Hearing about a forecasted thu and seeing lightning in the dist in a thunderstorm? 		
 A four-year-old child: 		
 being in a house in which ca kitchen drawer; 	regivers keep match	ies in a
 who has matches in his dres 	ser drawer; and	
 seen attempting to light a m 	atch	
A house with:		
 a six-year-old without heat i 	n the summertime;	
 a thirteen-year-old without 	heat in the wintertin	ne; and
 an infant without heat in the 	wintertime	

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Risk vs. Safety		
Risk		Safety
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Considers family function	ing	Considers severe forms of dangerous conditions and maltreatment
Looks at child well-bein	g	Looks at family conditions that meet the safety threshold
Has an unlimited timefra	me	Considers present to immediate (near- future) timeframe
Judgment surrounds negative future maltreatment	effects of	Judgment surrounds the certainty of present/immediate severe effects
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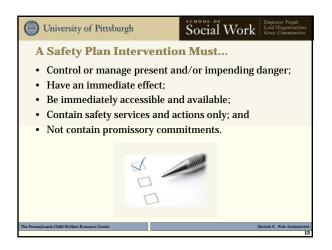
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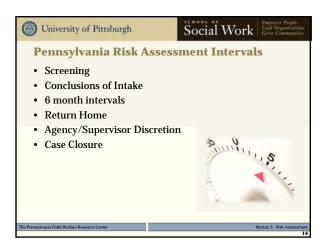




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Safety Threats, (cont'd)		
9. Caregiver(s) in the home are not performing duties and responsibilities that assure child safety 10. Caregiver(s) lack of parenting knowledge, skills, and/or motivation presents an immediate threat of serious harm to a child		
Caregiver(s) do not have or do not use resources necessary to meet the child's immediate basic needs which presents an immediate threat of serious harm to a child		
12. Caregiver(s) perceive child in extremely negative terms		
13. Caregiver(s) overtly rejects CPS/GPS intervention; refuses		
access to a child; and/or there is some indication that the caregivers will flee		
14. Child is fearful of the home situation, including people living		
in or having access to the home		
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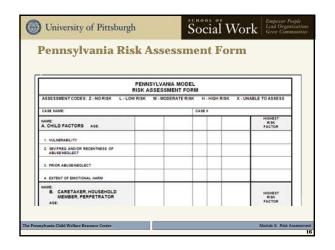




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Video & Group Exer	cise
Group 1 (Mary): Strengths related to Mary Safety Threats related to Mary Risk Factors related to	Group 3 (Eli): Strengths related to Eli Risk Factors related to Eli Group 4 (Environment):
Mary • Group 2 (Darren): - Strengths related to Darren - Saety Threats related to Darren - Risk Factors related to Darren	- Strengths related to the environment - Risk Factors related to the environment
Create three flipcharts respectively titled <i>Strengths, Safety Threats</i> , and <i>Risk Factors</i> on which to capture thoughts.	Create two flipchart papers respectively titled <i>Strengths</i> and <i>Risk Factors</i> on which to capture thoughts.
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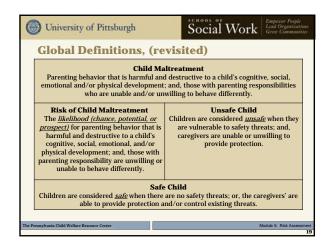


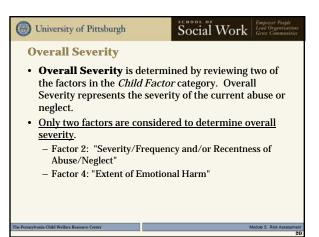
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Task/Questions	
the presence of a risk f • How might your values your assessment?	s, beliefs, and culture impact ual/family's values, beliefs and
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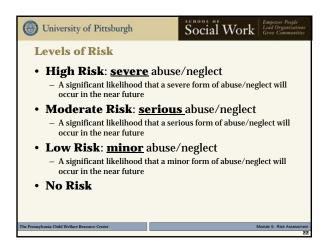


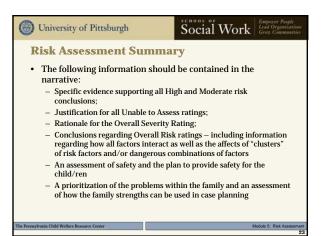
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Overall Risk	
Represents the likelihood of f within the near future based — The interplay of all the factor — The risk to the child, absent — A balance among factors, who diminish risk; and — Assessments regarding how affect risk	on: rs; intervention by the agency; ich increase risk and
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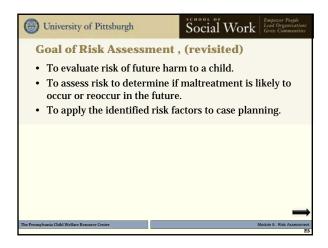




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Types of Assessments, (revisited)
Safe Family	
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Goal of Risk Assessr	nent, (revisited), (cont'd)
 Thoroughly assess ris evaluation. Means to document a Supports facilitation of 	e hope to meet that goal are: k through a comprehensive decision regarding level of risk. of the delivery of services by nd efforts on moderate and high
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Question and Answer		
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