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# OCS Comprehensive Assessment Process
## *Safe Children, Strong Families*

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**Intake:** *Identify and Screen Protective Service Reports*

- **Intake seeks to screen in cases where reported information indicates that maltreatment may have occurred and/or there are indications that children may be unsafe due to Present or Impending Danger or High Risk**

**Initial Assessment:** *Safety Determination*

- **Determine if Present Danger exists and develop a Protective Action Plan**
- **Collect Information:** ***maltreatment, adult/child functioning, parenting and discipline***
- **Determine if safety threats are present**
- **Determine if Impending Danger or High Risk exists**
- **Determine if non-maltreator Protective Capacities can control threat(s)**
- **Develop Safety Plan or if no Impending Danger or High Risk- Close Case**

**Family Services:** *Determine What Must Change*

- **Discuss reason for case opening: Impending Danger/High Risk**
- **Promote self-determination and raise self-awareness regarding safety threats and caregivers protective capacities**
- **Establish goals for change to be the focus of the Case Plan: <u>Enhancing Diminished Caregiver Protective Capacities</u>**
- **Revise/manage Safety Plans**
- **Engage caregivers to facilitate change**

**Family Services:** Case Evaluation- *Measuring Progress for Change*

- **Engage caregivers and facilitate change; Promote personal choice; raise self-awareness**
- **Focus on progress related to goals for change: <u>Enhancing Diminished Caregiver Protective Capacities</u>**
- **Assess effectiveness of change oriented services to address behavioral changes**
- **Safety Management:**
  **-Status of Impending Danger**
  **-Safety Planning Analysis**
  **-Least Intrusive Safety Plan**

**Anticipated Intervention Outcomes:** *Case Closure - Child Safety and Permanency*

- **The absence of impending danger or decrease of risk level**
- **Ability to routinely demonstrated <u>Enhanced Caregiver Protective Capacities</u> to ensure that a child is protected from danger**