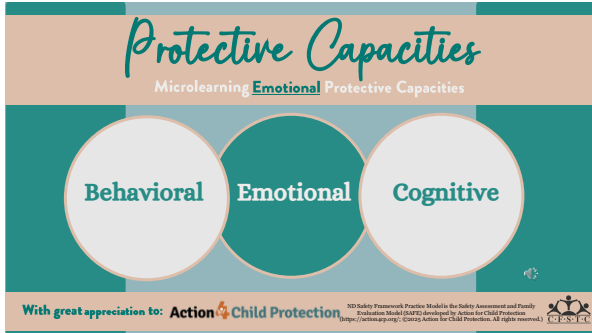
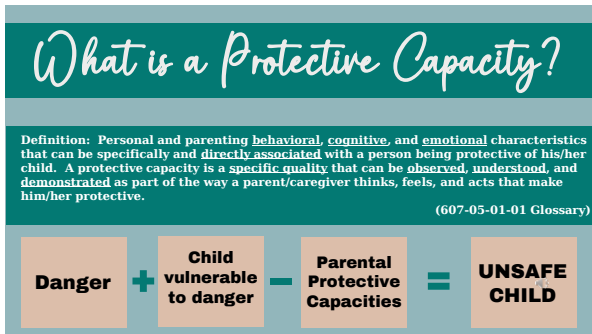
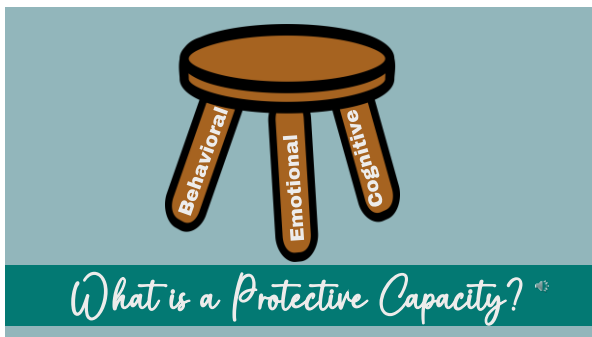




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Emotional Protective Capacities

Meets Emotional Needs
Emotionally able to intervene and protect child
Resilient
Tolerant
Displays Concern
Strong Bond
Love, Empathy, Sensitivity



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Meets Emotional Needs

This refers to satisfying how one feels in reasonable, appropriate ways that are not dependent on or take advantage of others, in particular, children.

Examples of Enhanced

Identifies people they trust and will contact when angry or upset.

Identifies willingness to receive help to manage their emotions.



Examples of Diminished

Yells at the children when having a bad day.

Uses alcohol to cope with stress/frustration.



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Emotionally able to intervene and protect the child

This refers to the mental health, emotional energy, and emotional stability.

Examples of Enhanced

Is emotionally able to protect the child even when feel devastated themselves.

Does not allow personal emotions or compromised mental health to hinder ability to meet the child's needs.



Examples of Diminished

Engages in self-harm and/or suicide attempts when the only caregiver in the home.

Is immobilized by depression to the point where unable/unwilling to meet the child's needs.



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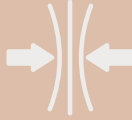
Resilient

This refers to responsiveness and being able and ready to act promptly as a parent/caregiver.

Examples of Enhanced

Has overcome their own childhood trauma and recognizes they need to do differently in their life.

Parent is struggling with their depression, and is able to be available for their children.



Examples of Diminished

Fixates on a setback or hardship and unable to move past that event.

A parent who reports that doesn't see a way out of the struggles they are having with their child.



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Tolerant

This refers to acceptance, understanding and respect in their parent/caregiver role.

Examples of Enhanced

Is able to remain calm when the child misbehaving.

Is able to accept feedback from the caseworker regarding new parenting strategies.



Examples of Diminished

Has a displaced reaction to any small indiscretion from the child.

Isn't willing to talk about or try and understand the child's bi-sexuality due to religious beliefs.



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Displays Concern for the Child

This refers to the sensitivity to understand and feel some sense of responsibility for a child and what the child is going through in such a manner to compel one to comfort and reassure.

Examples of Enhanced

Believes child's story concerning maltreatment and is supportive of the child.

Is empathetic when the child is having a meltdown.



Examples of Diminished

Doesn't believe the child who discloses a family member molested them.

Being dismissive to the child's feelings about parent's separation.

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Parent/Caregiver and child have a Strong Bond

This refers to a strong attachment that places a child's interest above all else.

Examples of Enhanced

Reads the child's body language and cues accurately.

Parent seeks out additional information or resources about their child's passion or interests.



Examples of Diminished

Doesn't respond to newborn's crying unless prompted.

Parent admitting that the child is not their priority. Making other relationships a priority over the relationship with the child.

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Expresses Love, Empathy, & Sensitivity

This refers to active affection, compassion, warmth, and sympathy.

Examples of Enhanced

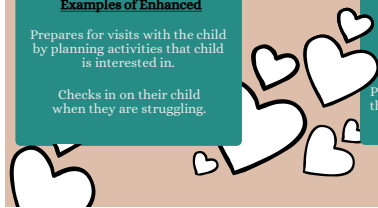
Prepares for visits with the child by planning activities that child is interested in.

Checks in on their child when they are struggling.

Examples of Diminished

Parent pushing away when a child is seeking physical affection.

Parent stating, they are done with their child, washing their hands of their child.



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Some things to remember...

- We are assessing how the parent/caregiver **feels**
- When assessing if a parent/caregiver has an enhanced or diminished emotional protective capacity we are focusing in on their emotional response or how they feel, not as much as their actions (behavioral) or they way they think (cognitive).
- Remember that the diminished Protective Capacities that we identify should be directly related to the Impending Danger
- Dig Deep!
 - When assessing protective capacities remember to ask questions that explore with parents/caregivers to help determine if what you are seeing is related to their emotional, behavioral, or cognitive functioning (or all three).
- Use your resources:
 - ND Safety Framework Practice Model (SFPD) Field Guide
 - Tool 5A

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