NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY FRAMEWORK PRACTICE MODEL FOR CHILD WELFARE

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WHY?

- Safe Children Strong Families
- Reduce child trauma
- Increase number of children remaining safely in the home or placed with kin

WHAT?

- Statewide consistency when making child safety decisions
- Comprehensive ongoing Safety assessments across the continuum of service delivery
- Strengthened engagement with parents and families

HOW?

- Identify present danger and impending danger threats impacting the child
- Create a plan with the family to control the danger
- Enhance parent/caregiver protective capacities to support lasting change

WHO?

- Child welfare workforce are implementing the practice model
- Parents are more actively participating in plans for their child's safety
- Partner agencies are experiencing a shift in how services are provided to children and families

Unsafe ≠ Removal

Safety Plan Determination

Is there a home?	Is it calm and consistent enough?	Are they willing and able to participate?	Are there sufficient resources available to control the danger?

All 4 are YES
Child can remain in the home with necessary supports in place

Any of the 4 are NO
Child safety not assured, so removal is necessary