## **Threshold Criteria for Impeding Danger**

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A <u>state of danger</u> in which family behaviors, attitudes, motives, emotions and/or situations pose a threat which may not be currently active but can be anticipated to have severe effects on a child at any time.

## **Danger Threshold: Criteria for Impending Danger**

**Observable:** Can be behaviorally described in detail

**Out of Control:** No responsible adult can prevent/stop threat

**Severe:** Threat will likely result in severe harm to a child

**Imminent:** Threat will occur in the near to immediate future

**Vulnerable Child:** A child that is vulnerable to the threat

## **Clarifying and Qualifying the Danger Threshold**

(Things to think about when considering the threshold)

- ➤ How long have family conditions been occurring? (Duration)
- ➤ How often do the family conditions happen? (Consistency)
- ➤ What is the extent of the family conditions? (Pervasiveness)
- ➤ What stimulates/contributes to the family conditions? (Influence)
- ➤ What is the impact on the family? (Impact)
- ➤ How likely is that family conditions will continue? (Continuance)