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Safety First:
Family Violence in the Context of Family Law

A 3-Day Evidence-Informed Intensive Online Training with New Presenters and Content!



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*A **15-hour intensive online** training designed to meet the urgent need for clarity, consistency, and accountability in how professionals understand and respond to family violence within the family law system.*

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AFCC is the premier interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict.

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AFCC is pleased to offer a comprehensive online training program focused on family violence. Safety First: Family Violence in the Context of Family Law a three day, 15-hour intensive online training designed to meet the urgent need for clarity, consistency, and accountability in how professionals understand and respond to family violence within the family law system.

As family courts, mediators, and clinicians increasingly encounter complex dynamics involving coercive control, psychological abuse, and intergenerational trauma, this training offers an interdisciplinary and evidence-informed foundation for safer and more effective interventions. Whether you are a judge, lawyer, evaluator, mediator, therapist, or child protection worker, this program is built to deepen your ability to detect harm, assess risk, and prioritize the well-being of children and survivors without compromising legal fairness or due process.

Participants will explore key topics, including:

- Rethinking the foundations of risk and harm
- What *Safety First* means in 2026
- Coercive Control beyond the dyad
- Technology-facilitated abuse and on-going access
- Risk assessment that fits family law
- Mental health and lethality risk
- Children as direct victims of domestic violence
- Emotional neglect and psychological harm
- Child-to-parent violence: Safety, shame, and system blind spots
- Family violence and complex family systems from a legal lens
- Therapy, confidentiality and the courtroom
- Culture, immigration, and family violence
- AFCC Guidelines and updates
- Credibility and conflicting accounts
- The role of minor's counsel
- Psychological safety, stigma, and the future of "*safety first*"

Through live presentations, moderated dialogue, and case-based discussions, this training centers on both knowledge and compassion. Across all three days, the central question is practical and system-focused: what would a truly safety-first family justice system require from courts, lawyers, mental health professionals, children's representatives, and community systems?

Above all, this training honors the shared responsibility of legal and mental health professionals to create family law processes that protect the vulnerable, promote justice, and support long-term resilience in the lives of children and families.

GENERAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Each session has specific learning objectives. Overall, participants will be able to:

- Discuss how coercive control operates across time, relationships, and settings
- Examine technology-facilitated abuse as a vehicle for on-going access
- Identify the impact of direct and indirect violence on children
- Explain emotional neglect and psychological harm as types of violence that are often missed
- Discuss shame and system blind spots
- Examine culture, immigration, and family violence
- Explain how parallel legal systems can increase risk and create re-traumatization
- Discuss the implications of therapy, confidentiality, and courtroom process
- Examine considerations of risk in AFCC Guidelines for safeguards against bias and advocacy
- Discuss concepts associated with disagreement, minimization and credibility in the court process
- Explain the role of Minor's Counsel in domestic violence cases.

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	Tuesday, September 29, 2026	Pacific Time US/Canada	Central Time US/Canada	Eastern Time US/Canada	Greenwich Mean Time	Australian Eastern Time
1.	From Incidents to Systems: What "Safety First" Means in 2026	9:00AM-10:00AM	11:00AM-12:00PM	12:00PM-1:00PM	4:00PM-5:00PM	2:00AM-3:00AM
	Break	10:00AM-10:15AM	12:00PM-12:15PM	1:00PM-1:15PM	5:00PM-5:15PM	3:00AM-3:15AM
2.	Coercive Control Beyond the Couple: Family, In-Laws, and Networks of Power	10:15AM-11:15AM	12:15PM-1:15PM	1:15PM-2:15PM	5:15PM-6:15PM	3:15AM-4:15AM
3.	Technology-Facilitated Abuse: On-going Access, Surveillance, and Control	11:15AM-12:15PM	1:15PM-2:15PM	2:15PM-3:15PM	6:15PM-7:15PM	4:15AM-5:15AM
	Break	12:15PM-12:30PM	2:15PM-2:30PM	3:15PM-3:30PM	7:15PM-7:30PM	5:15AM-5:30AM
4.	Risk Assessment That Fits Family Law	12:30PM-1:30PM	2:30PM-3:30PM	3:30PM-4:30PM	7:30PM-8:30PM	5:30AM-6:30AM
5.	Family Violence, Mental Health, and Lethality Risk	1:30PM-2:30PM	3:30PM-4:30PM	4:30PM-5:30PM	8:30PM-9:30PM	6:30AM-7:30AM

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6.	Children as Direct Victims of Domestic Violence	9:00AM-10:00AM	11:00AM-12:00PM	12:00PM-1:00PM	4:00PM-5:00PM	2:00AM-3:00AM
	Break	10:00AM-10:15AM	12:00PM-12:15PM	1:00PM-1:15PM	5:00PM-5:15PM	3:00AM-3:15AM
7.	Child-To-Parent Violence: Safety, Shame, and System Blind Spots	10:15AM-11:15AM	12:15PM-1:15PM	1:15PM-2:15PM	5:15PM-6:15PM	3:15AM-4:15AM
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9.	Fragmented Systems, Fragmented Safety	12:30PM-1:30PM	2:30PM-3:30PM	3:30PM-4:30PM	7:30PM-8:30PM	5:30AM-6:30AM
10.	Therapy, Confidentiality, and the Courtroom: Safety at the Intersection	1:30PM-2:30PM	3:30PM-4:30PM	4:30PM-5:30PM	8:30PM-9:30PM	6:30AM-7:30AM

	Thursday, October 1, 2026	Pacific Time US/Canada	Central Time US/Canada	Eastern Time US/Canada	Greenwich Mean Time	Australian Eastern Time
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	Break	10:00AM-10:15AM	12:00PM-12:15PM	1:00PM-1:15PM	5:00PM-5:15PM	3:00AM-3:15AM
12.	AFCC Guidelines and Safety-First Practice	10:15AM-11:15AM	12:15PM-1:15PM	1:15PM-2:15PM	5:15PM-6:15PM	3:15AM-4:15AM
13.	Disagreement, Minimization, and Credibility: Rethinking Conflicting Accounts	11:15AM-12:15PM	1:15PM-2:15PM	2:15PM-3:15PM	6:15PM-7:15PM	4:15AM-5:15AM
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14.	Guardianship, Minor's Counsel, and High Conflict Child Custody	12:30PM-1:30PM	2:30PM-3:30PM	3:30PM-4:30PM	7:30PM-8:30PM	5:30AM-6:30AM
15.	Closing Panel – The Legal Process, Psychological Safety, Stigma, and the Future of "Safety First" Practice	1:30PM-2:30PM	3:30PM-4:30PM	4:30PM-5:30PM	8:30PM-9:30PM	6:30AM-7:30AM

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Day 1: AWARENESS — Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Rethinking Risk, Harm, and Credibility

Focus: Updating how we conceptualize danger, coercive control, credibility, and family law risk

1. From Incidents to Systems: What "Safety First" Means in 2026

This session lays the foundation for the workshop by exploring how why legacy incident-base models are insufficient, and what recent empirical research demands of family law systems. As the definitions of family violence have expanded over time, this session will also explore how coercive control operates across time, relationships, and systems. We'll reflect on necessary components for establishing a shared, modern safety framework.

Learning Objectives

- Examine how coercive control operates across time, relationships, and settings
- Discuss why legacy incident-based models fail



Michael A. Saini, PhD, MSW, RSW, is a full professor at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work and cross-appointed with the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. He holds the endowed Factor-Inwentash Chair in Law and Social Work and is the Co-Director of the combined JD/MSW program. He is an AFCC Past President. In 2019, he was awarded the AFCC Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research Award and was awarded the Meyer Elkin Essay from the Family Court Review in both 2018 and 2024. Mike is the Social Science Editor of Family Court Review.

2. Coercive Control Beyond the Couple: Family, In-Laws, and Networks of Power

Coercive control includes extended family and third-party coercion, reproductive coercion, and household complicity. This session will explore the unintended risks created by "supportive" relatives, and identify practice implications that include more expansive screening, parenting plans, and supervision orders.

Learning Objectives

- Examine the impact of networks of power in coercive control dynamics.
- Identify key practice implications for more expansive screening, parenting plans, and supervision orders.



Jennifer L. Hardesty, PhD, is a professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Her research focuses on intimate partner violence, separation and divorce, and parenting after separation, examining how contexts of violence, such as coercive control, shape post-separation experiences. Her current work centers on family court responses to intimate partner violence in child custody cases. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of Justice.

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3. Technology-Facilitated Abuse: Ongoing Access, Surveillance, and Control

Technology-facilitated abuse is not just about "digital misconduct," and often includes means of surveillance for control, ongoing access, harassment, and monitoring post-separation. In this session, we will explore why TFA is often missed or minimized; how to identify potential evidence, provide proofs, and the practical limits of policing digital abuse. We'll consider practice implications, including contact decisions, communication boundaries, and safety planning.

Learning Objectives

- Describe how technology can be misused to force on-going contact, engage in post-separation surveillance, and perpetuate control
- Describe practice implications from gathering evidence to safety planning through communication boundaries.



Natalie Malovich, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist and credentialed Master Mediator based in Utah and the founder of Aspen Mediation. She brings over 30 years of psychological expertise to conflict resolution, specializing in high-conflict family law, domestic relations, and custody disputes. Her dual background allows her to address the legal complexities of divorce while attending to the emotional well-being of parents and children. She is recognized on the Utah Court Roster for Domestic Mediation and works with the Mountain Mediation Center, handling cases involving divorce modifications, parent-time, and domestic violence issues.

4. Risk Assessment that Fits Family Law

Risk assessment is critical in all aspects of family law practice and across professional roles. In this session, we will explore some brief IPV risk assessment tools and their relevance to family law. We will discuss the strengths and limits of structured professional judgment, and when tools support decision-making – and when they can mislead.

Learning Objectives

- Examine the strengths and limits of structured professional judgement with risk assessment
- Discuss when assessment tools help and when they can be misleading.



Sujata Warrier, PhD, is the Chief Strategy Officer for the Battered Women's Justice Project. She trains and provides technical assistance to professionals across criminal justice systems nationally and internationally, with a focus on cultural competency, violence against women, and intersectionality. Her publications appear in Family Court Review and other venues, and her international work has taken her to Iraq, Bangladesh—where she served as Country Director for an ABA Rule of Law Initiative—Egypt, Jordan, Russia, Argentina, and India. She was appointed by the Attorney General to the Federal Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women's Advisory Board.

5. Family Violence, Mental Health, and Lethality Risk

This session will examine special circumstances such as substance use, suicide risk, and lethality. The presenter will discuss why siloed risk models often fail families and will emphasize the importance of integrating lethality awareness into family law decision-making for heightened awareness, screening tools, referrals, and emergency responses.

Learning Objectives

- Discuss the integration of lethality awareness into family law.
- Identify red flags that require immediate follow-up, referral, or emergency response.



Peter Jaffe, PhD, is a professor emeritus in the Faculty of Education at the University of Western Ontario and director emeritus of the London Family Court Clinic. For over 40 years, his research and clinical work has focused on adults and children who have been victims of abuse and involved with the criminal, family, and civil court systems. He has co-authored 12 books, 40 chapters, and over 90 articles, including Preventing Domestic Homicides: Lessons Learned from Tragedies and Understanding Family Violence in Family Court Proceedings. He has presented to judges, lawyers, and mental health professionals across North America, Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, and Europe, and has served as an expert witness in five provinces and seven US states. He is a founding member of Canada's first Domestic Violence Death Review Committee and was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2009.

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Day Two: IMPACT — Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Children, Families, and Hidden Harm

Focus: Moving beyond adult-centric and visible-only understandings of violence

6. Children as Direct Victims of Domestic Violence

This session moves beyond adult-centric and visible-only models of violence, to a focus on the harm that comes to children from intimidation, control and fear. The presenter will examine why exposure language falls short and review national prevalence findings. Practice implications include consideration of the voice of the child and best interest analysis.

Learning Objectives

- Identify levels of risk and patterns of harm to children from exposure to family violence
- Discuss parenting plans, voice of the child and best interest analysis



Angelique Jenney, MSW, PhD, RSW, is an associate professor and the Wood's Homes Research Chair in Children's Mental Health in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary. She has 25 years of experience in intervention and prevention services within the gender-based violence, child protection, and children's mental health sectors. Her community-based, simulation research and practice interests focus on trauma-informed approaches to working with young people with childhood experiences of intimate partner violence and their families.

7. Child-To-Parent Violence: Safety, Shame, and Systems Blind Spots

This session will focus on national prevalence findings and emerging evidence related to children as direct victims of family violence. The presenter will discuss fear, intimidation, and coercive control as child harms, and examine why "exposure" language may understate children's experiences.

Learning Objectives

- Identify ways to blind spots in situations where CPV is prevalent.
- Discuss when a parent is both a caregiver and a victim.



Christine Gervais, PhD, is an Associate Professor in Criminology in the Faculty of Social Sciences and a member of the Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC) based in the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa. She is a member of the Child Rights Academic Network (CRAN) within the Landon Pearson Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights at Carleton University. Her teaching and research areas focus on upholding children's rights and safeguarding the best interest of all children in the context of child-to-child sexual harm and of aggression toward family and caregivers in childhood and adolescence. Her interdisciplinary work explores the impacts of child-rights awareness and accessible education in the contexts of international development and social justice. Her child rights research has been widely published.

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8. Emotional Neglect and Psychological Harm: The Violence We Miss

Sometimes the visible indicators of harm are not clear for up to 10 years following incidents. This discussion will include a review of the APSAC Psychological Harm Guidelines and longitudinal evidence of neglect and anxiety, cumulative harm versus isolated incidents, and why psychological harm is hard to see, but costly to ignore.

Learning Objectives

- Explain the role of judicial reasoning regarding risk framing and service proportionality.
- Discuss challenges associated with introducing projections of harm in the context of family law proceedings



Kelly M. Champion, PhD, ABPP, is a clinical and forensic psychologist in Rockville, Maryland, practicing at Cadeus Behavioral Health, and is American Board Certified in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. She is licensed in Maryland, Virginia, Iowa, and Massachusetts. She has specialized training and experience in adult and child trauma, court-involved families, school bullying, and the prevention, assessment, and treatment of child maltreatment. She provides treatment and conducts court-related assessments and child forensic interviews, and serves as an expert witness nationally and locally. She has presented nationally and internationally on child trauma and forensic child mental health, including as part of Association of Professionals Solving the Abuse of Children (APSAC)'s Do No Harm workshop**.** She serves on the APA's Committee on Professional Practices and Standards and as treasurer of the National Plan to End Interpersonal Violence.

9. Fragmented Systems, Fragmented Safety

Family violence is often considered across multiple family law systems and in a variety of contexts. In this session, the presenter will examine how parallel legal systems can increase risk and result in re-traumatization due to repeated disclosure. Conflicting orders can create unintended consequences. This session will include considerations for building safer coordination across family, child protection, criminal, and therapeutic systems.

Learning Objectives

- Summarize risks associated with parallel processes in domestic violence litigation.
- Identify best practices for case coordination to better manage unintended consequences and added risks from parallel processes.



Dawn R. Smith, JD, is a partner at Evolve Family Law, LLC in Atlanta, Georgia, where she has represented children and families for over 36 years. She is a Fellow of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the co-chair of the AFCC-AAML biennial, interdisciplinary conference. In addition to litigating family law matters, Dawn frequently serves as a guardian ad litem, mediator, arbitrator, and late case evaluator. She is the co-president of the Georgia provisional chapter of AFCC.

10. Therapy, Confidentiality, and the Courtroom: Safety at the Intersection

This session is focused on the importance of protecting treatment while also meeting legitimate legal needs. The presenter will examine the potential for client harm that can come from subpoenaed therapy notes, and will discuss why clinical records are often poor forensic evidence.

Learning Objectives

- Discuss the complications with preserving therapeutic integrity and compliance with a valid and appropriate subpoena
- Explain ethical considerations associated with those in therapeutic roles becoming involved with family law proceedings



Aprille Woodson, PhD, JD, serves as Director of Ethics and Professional Practice for the American Counseling Association, where she leads the development of national ethics resources, oversees the ethics adjudication process, and provides strategic guidance on the ACA Code of Ethics. She consults with mental health organizations internationally on standards and ethics. Her professional background includes programmatic work in criminal justice, juvenile justice, crisis intervention, and child advocacy through child protective services, reflecting a sustained commitment to supporting children, families, and communities affected by crisis and adversity.

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Day 3: PROCESS AND APPLICATION — Thursday, October 1, 2026

Equity, Prevention, and Safer System Design

Focus: Translating knowledge into safer family law processes, professional roles, and future directions

11. Culture, Immigration, and Family Violence: Moving Beyond Stereotypes

In the context of immigration, reporting incidents of family violence often carries extraordinary consequences. Cultural consonance can represent an added risk or protection, and culture can, in fact, obscure power. The presenters will discuss in-law abuse, family pressure, and economic vulnerability. This session will focus on the practice implications for family law professionals when making culturally responsive, but not culturally excusing, decisions.

Learning Objectives

- Identify key considerations when culture and immigration status emerge as critical themes in the context of family violence dynamics.
- Explain how to be culturally responsive but not culturally excusing in decision-making processes.



David N. Simmons, JD, maintains a private practice in Englewood, Colorado, and has taught Immigration Law in English and Spanish as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He is a member of the Colorado and Central Florida chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and serves the Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) as Rocky Mountain Region Legal Officer and National Legal Officer Emeritus. Active in pro bono and community education. He has worked with the Consulates General of Mexico, Guatemala, and Peru in Denver and has lectured before professional associations, governmental agencies, and universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Guatemala.



Maha Kamal, JD, is the founder of the Colorado Family Law Project and author of Colorado Family Law: A Trail Guide. She litigates complex, high-conflict custody and financial cases and speaks frequently at legal conferences, including for the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado chapter of AAML. She has published in The Colorado Lawyer and The Docket magazine. A former co-chair of the Supreme Court's PALS Subcommittee, which established Limited Licensed Paraprofessionals in Colorado, she currently serves on the Executive Councils for Family Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution and the CBA Legislative Policy Committee.

12. AFCC Guidelines and Safety-First Practice

This session explores the integration of family violence considerations within AFCC guidelines, with a closer look at IPV supplemental guidance. The presenters will examine screening for family violence before process design and balancing family violence screening with multi-factor assessment, while safeguarding against bias, advocacy, and premature closure.

Learning Objectives

- Identify the relevant sections of AFCC guidelines that address violence, including IPV, coercive control, and abuse
- Apply screening, assessment, and safety planning across AFCC guidelines



Kathleen McNamara, PhD, is a psychologist in private practice in Fort Collins, Colorado. She received her master's in counseling from The Ohio State University and her doctorate in counseling psychology from Penn State, and was a tenured associate professor of psychology at Colorado State University before devoting herself to full-time practice. She specializes in working with high-conflict families. She is a past chair and current member of the Colorado Psychological Association Ethics Committee, a past president of the Colorado Chapter of AFCC, and serves on the AFCC Executive Board, Conference Committee, Continuing Education Committee, and Finance Committee.



Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD, is a partner at Braunstein & Zuckerman, Esqs., in White Plains, New York, practicing matrimonial, family, and collaborative law, with expertise in child custody litigation and cases involving allegations of child sexual and physical abuse. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Family Lawyers, Past Chair of the New York State Bar Association Child Custody Committee, Past Co-President of AFCC-NY, and Vice President of the New York Chapter of APSAC. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Hofstra University School of Law, teaching Child Abuse and Neglect, Collaborative Family Law, and Modern Divorce Advocacy. He is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on child abuse, custody litigation, and courtroom psychology.

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13. Disagreement, Minimization, and Credibility: Rethinking Conflicting Accounts

This session will examine what inter-partner disagreements may signal in family violence cases, and why disputes about frequency, pattern, and impact matter. The session will include consideration of evidence interpretation, expert testimony, and fact finding, especially when the court is confronted with conflicting information. The presenters will discuss the importance of avoiding false neutrality, false certainty, and credibility shortcuts.

Learning Objectives

- Explain the risks of false neutrality and false certainly
- Discuss the relevance of frequency of disputes versus occurrence



Hon. Mark Juhas sits in a long-cause general family law assignment on the Los Angeles Superior Court. He is a past president of the AFCC California Chapter, immediate past chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice, current chair of the Commission's e-justice committee, and current president of the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles County Law Library. His Judicial Council service includes the CJER Governing Committee, the Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee, and the Elkins Family Law Task Force and Self-Represented Litigant Task Force. He has received a lifetime achievement award from the Family Law Section of the State Bar, a Distinguished Service Award from the California Judicial Council, and the Aranda Access to Justice Award, among other honors.



Seth Goldstein, JD, has represented litigants in child abuse cases with interpersonal violence for over 30 years. He was in law enforcement for 20 years, the latter years working sexual abuse cases. He testifies as an expert witness and often sits second chair in these matters. He has authored a leading textbook on investigations of sexual abuse and has articles in several publications related to family law. He has lectured around the world on these subjects.

14. Guardianship, Minor's Counsel, and High-Conflict Child Custody

This session will focus on how domestic violence should shape guardianship, custody, and representation decisions. The presenter will examine the role of Minor's Counsel in bringing forward the child's voice, safety, stability, and best interests, and the use of structured, multi-factor assessment to distinguish conflict, coercive control, child safety concerns, and parent-child relationship dynamics.

Learning Objectives

- Examine the implications of domestic violence allegations and the role of Minor's Counsel



Angelina Ray, JD, is a Sacramento-based Certified Family Law Specialist and founder of Pacem Tempestate Law, APC in Elk Grove, California. She litigates complex, high-conflict custody and financial cases in Sacramento and Yolo Counties, with a specific focus on minor's counsel work and refuse-resist case dynamics. She is the Past President of the Sacramento County Bar Association, a frequent MCLE presenter, a teacher of Community Property at McGeorge School of Law, and sits as a judge pro tem.

15. Closing Panel: The Legal Process, Psychological Safety, Stigma, and the Future of Safety-First Practice

In our final session, participants will hear closing reflections from faculty and engage in live Q&A. The panel will offer thoughts on how the legal process can amplify or reduce harm. They will reflect on stigma, help-seeking, disengagement, and system mistrust – and the importance of designing family justice systems that protect without polarizing. **Closing Question:** What would a truly safety-first family justice system require from courts, lawyers, mental health professionals, children's representatives, and community systems?

Learning Objective

- Identify strategies for applying knowledge in day-to-day decision-making and practice improvement

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