Critical Thinking Guide for Safety Intervention

1. **7 Areas of Assessment**
   - Maltreatment
   - Surrounding Circumstances
   - Child Functioning
   - Adult Functioning
   - Parenting Discipline
   - Parenting Practices
   - Family Functioning

2. **Danger Threshold Criteria**
   - Use the 7 Areas to determine if family conditions cross the Danger Threshold
   - **Observable**
     - Surrounding Circumstances
     - Adult Functioning
     - Parenting Practices
   - **Vulnerable Child**
     - Child Functioning
     - Adult Functioning
     - Parenting Practices
   - **Out-of-Control Imminence Severity**
     - Surrounding Circumstances
     - Adult Functioning
     - Parenting Practices

3. **Safety Analysis Questions**
   - Use the 7 Areas AND the Danger Threshold Criteria to answer the Safety Analysis Questions
   1. How do the Impending Danger Threats play out in the family?
     - Surrounding Circumstances: Observable Imminence
     - Adult Functioning: Observable Imminence
   2. Can the family manage and control Impending Danger Threats without direct assistance from CPS?
     - Surrounding Circumstances: Out-of-Control Imminence
   3. Can an in-home plan work?
     - Surrounding Circumstances: Observable Out-of-Control Severity
   4. What would we need to put into place in the home to control Impending Danger Threats?
     - Surrounding Circumstances: Family Functioning

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