



**SAFE
STRONG
SUPPORTIVE**

casey family programs

Offering HOPE
to Families
in the

Pinal County
Dependency Court

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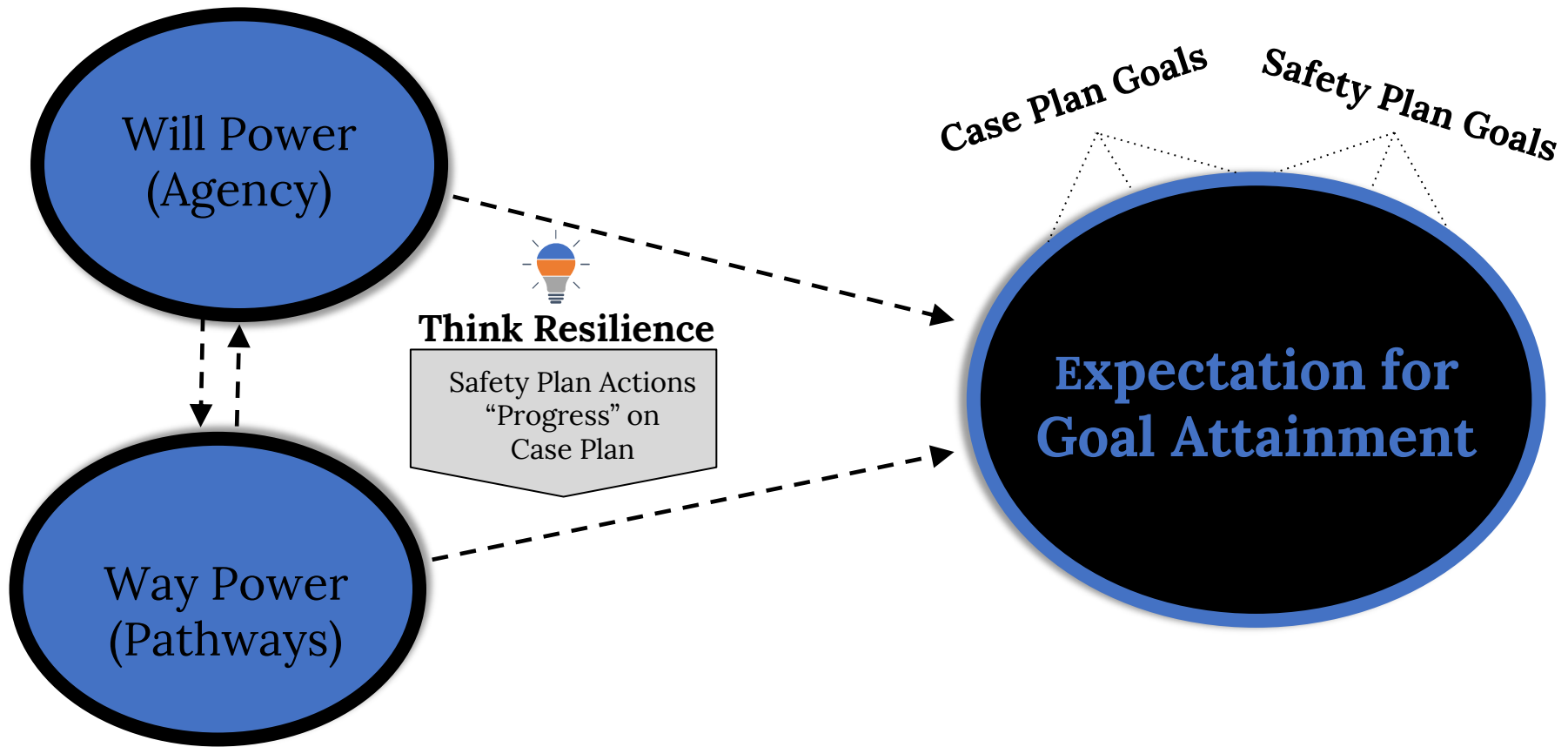
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safe children | strong families | supportive communities



Listening to the Experts

HOPE THEORY



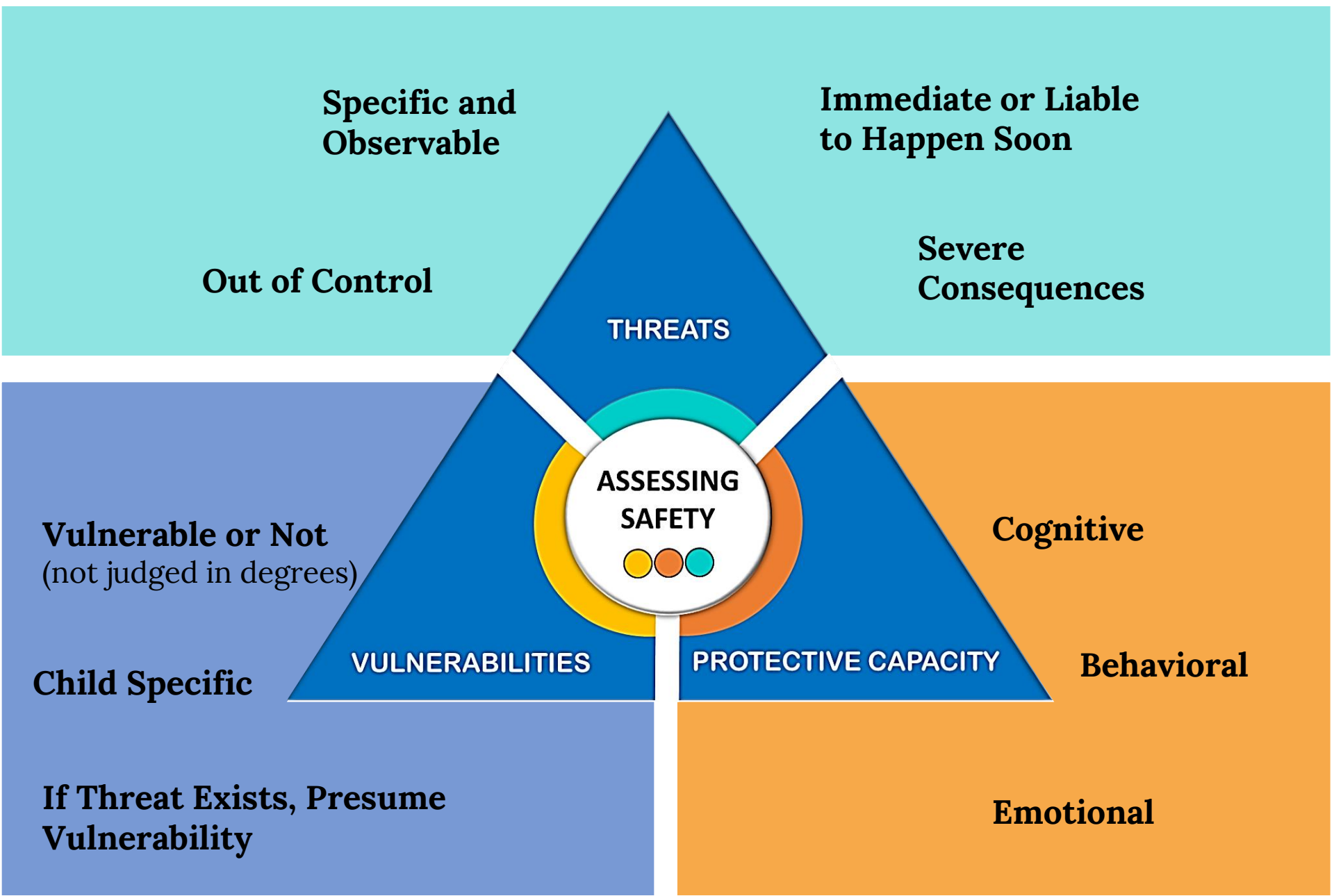
 Agency without pathways is a wish!

Hope Rising, Chan Hellman, PhD.



What needs to happen for this child to go home today?

This is a Safety Plan Question

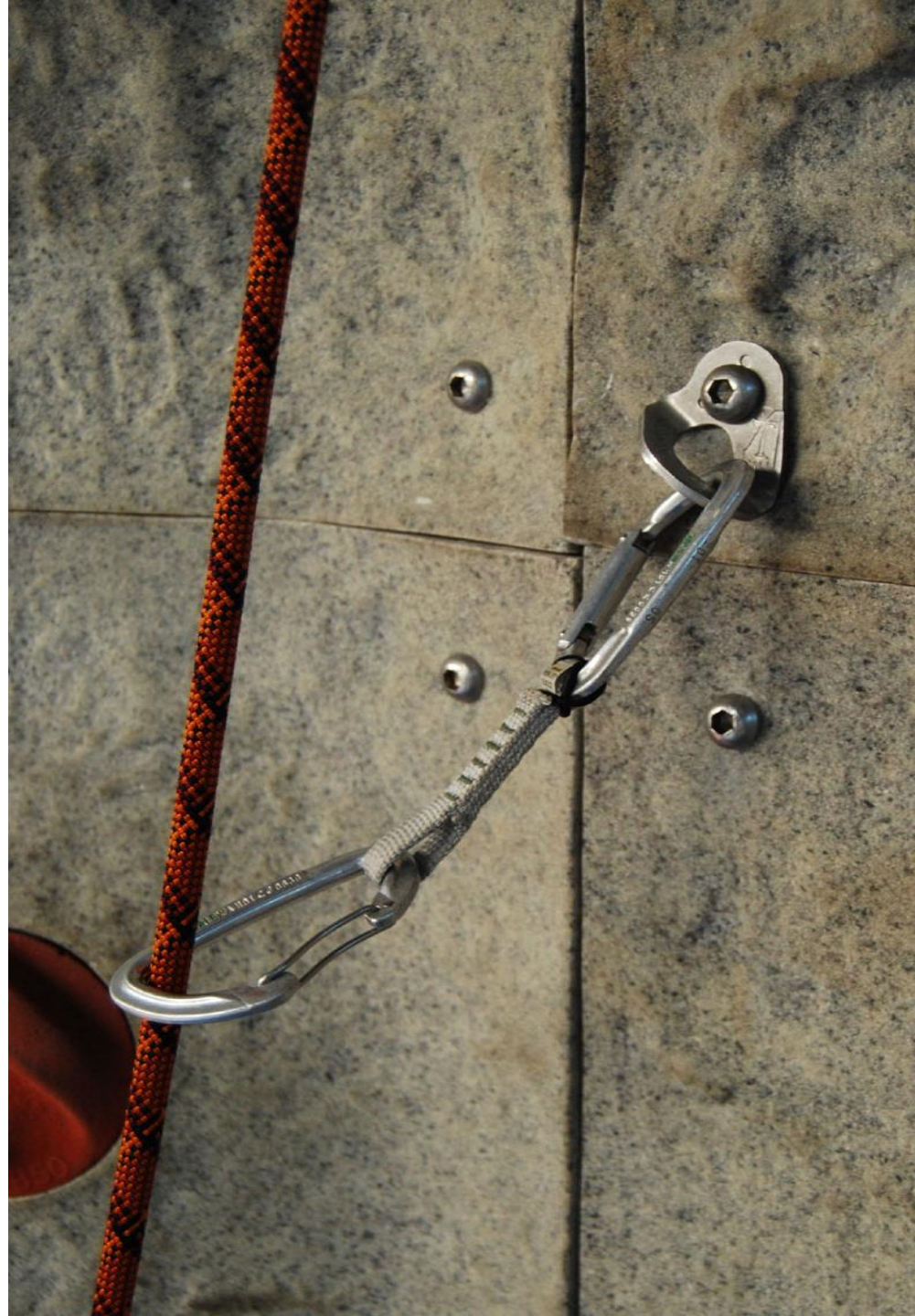


Safety Planning

- Does not require change in parents' behavior or attitude
 - Controls threats – immediately
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- Sufficient
 - Feasible
 - Sustainable
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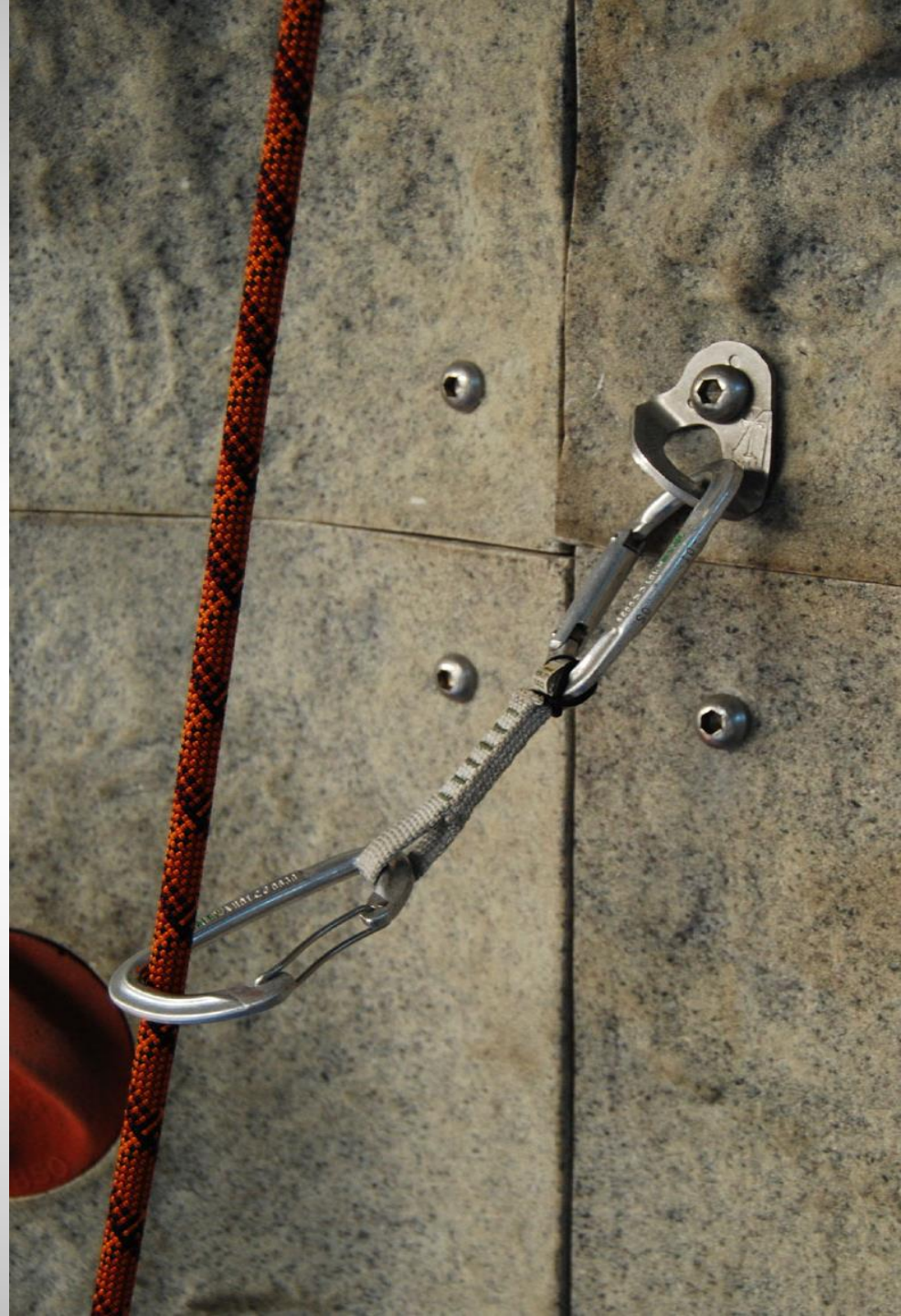
- Assessing Reasonable Efforts
 - Actions or Services to Control or Manage Threats



Safety Planning

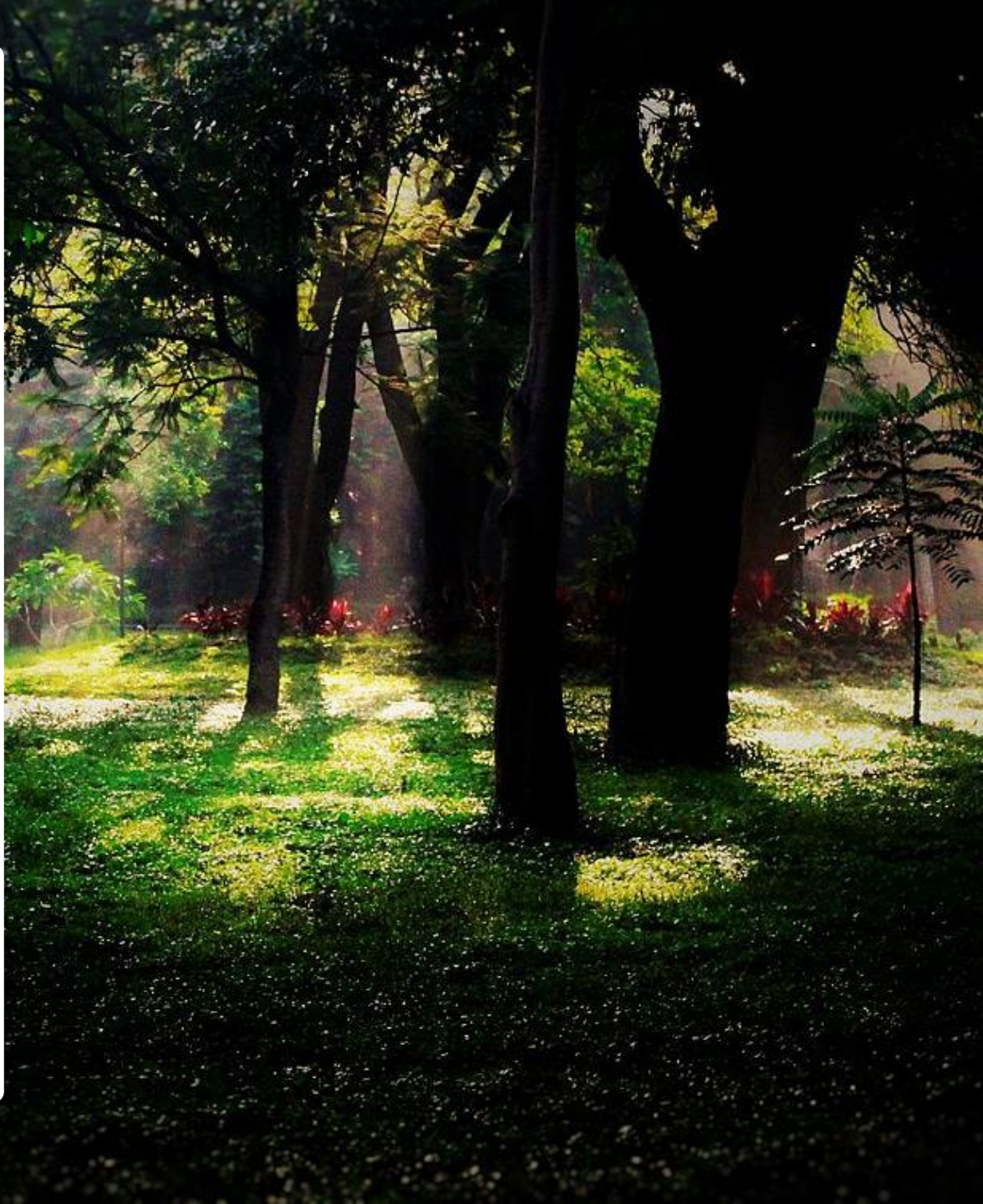
Children out of the home

- **Conditions for Return - Clearly**
 - **Connected to Assessment of Safety**
 - **Parenting Behavior Language**
 - (but, not parents' behavior)
- **Kind and Amount of Parent-Child contact.**



Case Planning

- **Use Safety Framework to design case plan.**
- **Looking toward the Court and Dept exiting Family.**
- **Usually requires changing in parental behavior**





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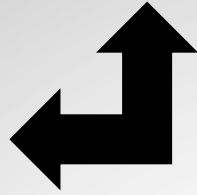
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Why should everyone provide information to the court?

- Priming
- Social Judgability
- Motivated Skepticism (confirmation bias)
- Moral Attribution Error



ME



YOU



Counties have agreed to utilize at least 75% of the funds they receive through Title IV-E reimbursement to supplement existing funding for parent and/or child representation through expanding, enhancing or developing initiatives that may include:

- Preventing dependency filings without jeopardizing child safety;
- Implementing a Parent Mentoring Program;
- Enhancing representation through training and education;
- Improving the ability of attorneys to manage their dependency case load;
- Establishing models that bring together attorneys, social workers and parent advocates to form multidisciplinary representation teams.

And with recent changes in federal policy, counties can now claim the cost of peer partners (parent partners) and use their Title IV-E reimbursement funds for peer partners (parent partners).

THE OPPORTUNITY

Title IV-E Reimbursement

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARENT PARTNERS

Engaging

Engaging families by sharing common journeys

Building

Building bridges with stakeholders

Providing

Providing **E**ducation, **E**mpowerment, **E**ncouragement and **E**ngagement

WHY – PARENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN PARENT PARTNERS PROGRAMS

- **Were more likely to be reunified with their children** when compared to parents who did not participate in peer parent programs (Berrick et al., 2011; Bohannon et al., 2016; Chambers et al., 2019; Enano et al., 2017; National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, 2018; Trescher & Summers, 2020)
 - Trescher & Summers, 2020
 - 79% of the cases with parents who participated in the Parents for Parents program reunified compared to the comparison group of 53%- a difference of 26%
 - 39% in the comparison group experienced termination of parental rights compared to 19% of the cases who participated in Parents For Parents)- a difference of 20%
- **Were more likely to comply with services and visitation** (Bohannon et al., 2016; National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, 2018; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2013; Summers, et al., 2012; Trescher & Summers, 2020; Wulczyn, n.d.)
- **Were more likely to attend dependency court hearings** (Bohannon, et al., 2016; National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, 2018; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2013; Summers, et al., 2012; Trescher & Summers, 2020; Wulczyn, n.d.)
- **Expressed an increase in trust in child protective services and perceived the child welfare system more positively** (National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2011; Summers et al., 2012; Trescher & Summers, 2020)
- **Demonstrated an increase in perceived knowledge of the child welfare systems, including the roles of individuals within child welfare and issues regarding their case** (Summers et al., 2012; Trescher & Summers, 2020)

Nurturing Hope, Preventing Trauma

**OUR GOAL IS TO PREVENT THE
TRAUMA OF FAMILY SEPARATION.**

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