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Structured Decision Making

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What Is SDM?

The SDM system:



A set of research- and evidence-based tools for each important decision in the life of a child welfare case.

Goals of SDM

- 1. Reduce subsequent harm to children.
- 2. Expedite permanency.



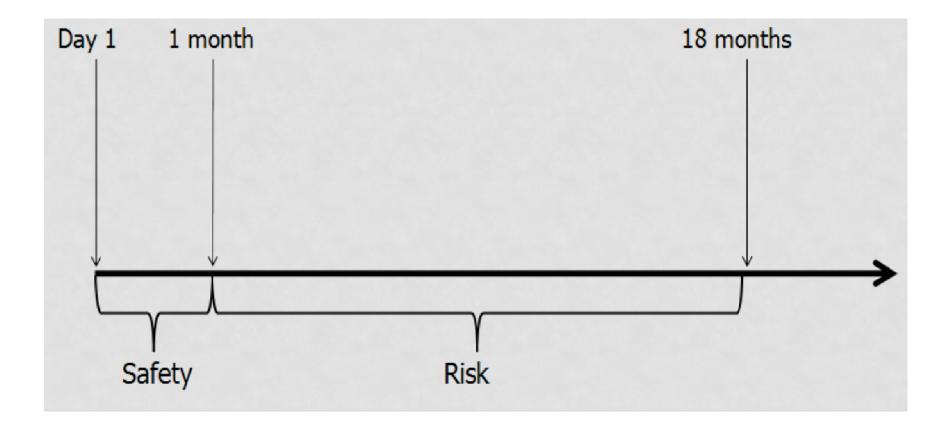
Benefits Include:

- Common language.
- Information gathering.
- Ensure key elements are considered.
- Greater transparency in decision-making.
- Improves decision-making.
- Provides equity.

SAFETY VS. RISK



Safety vs. Risk

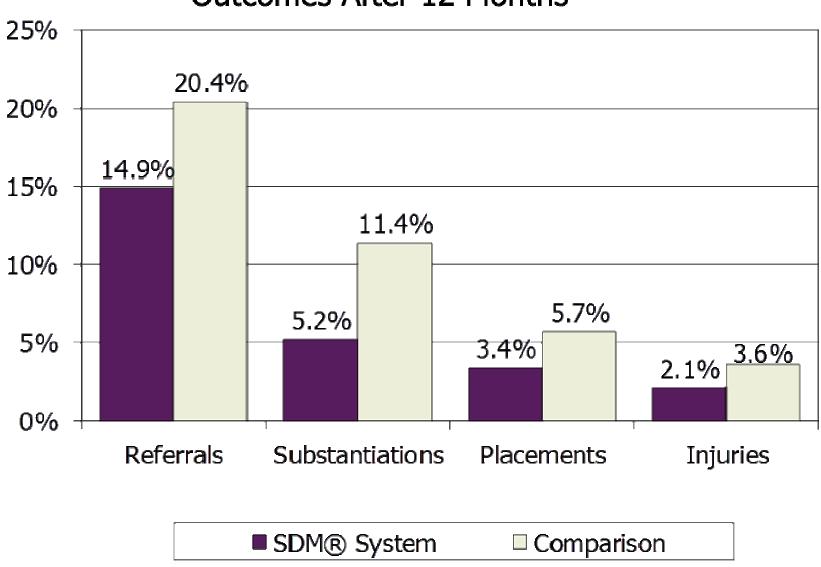




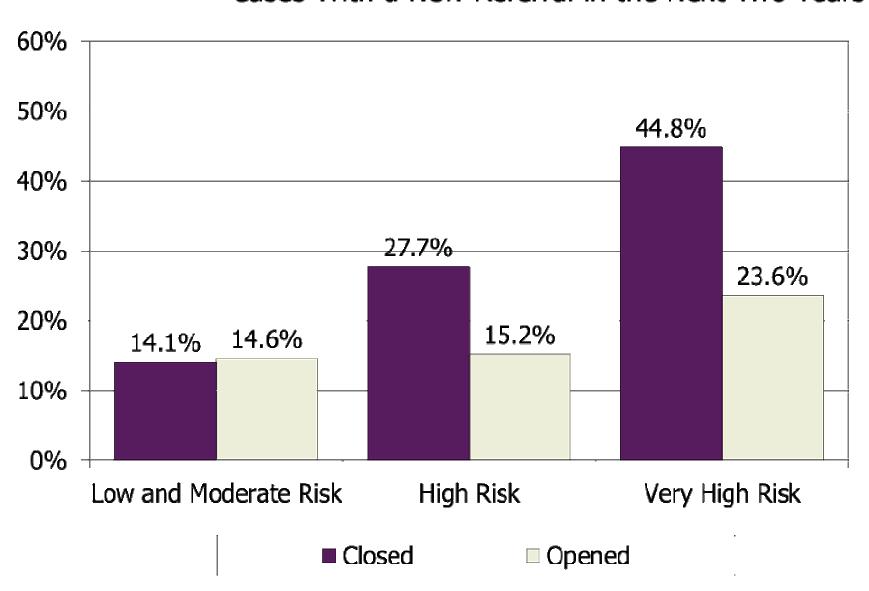
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- ☐ Reunification?
- ☐ Close case?



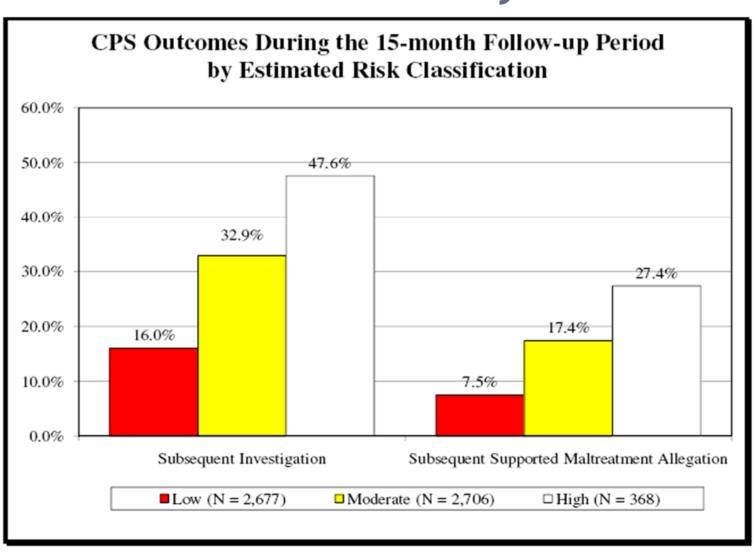
Outcomes After 12 Months



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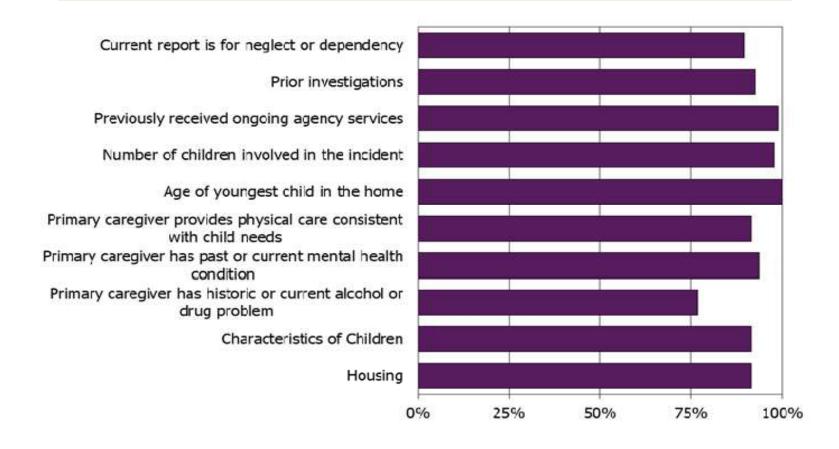


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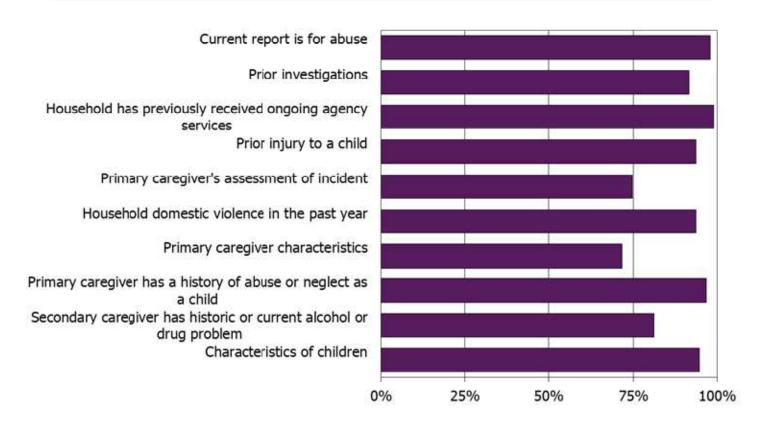
Inter-rater Reliability

Agreement on Neglect Items



Inter-rater Reliability

Agreement on Abuse Items



SDM Assessments

- Safety Assessment
- Risk Assessment
- Risk ReAssessment

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Safety Assessment

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Safety Assessment Structure Child vulnerabilities



Threats to safety



Protective capacities



Safety interventions

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Safety Assessment

Actuarial Assessment

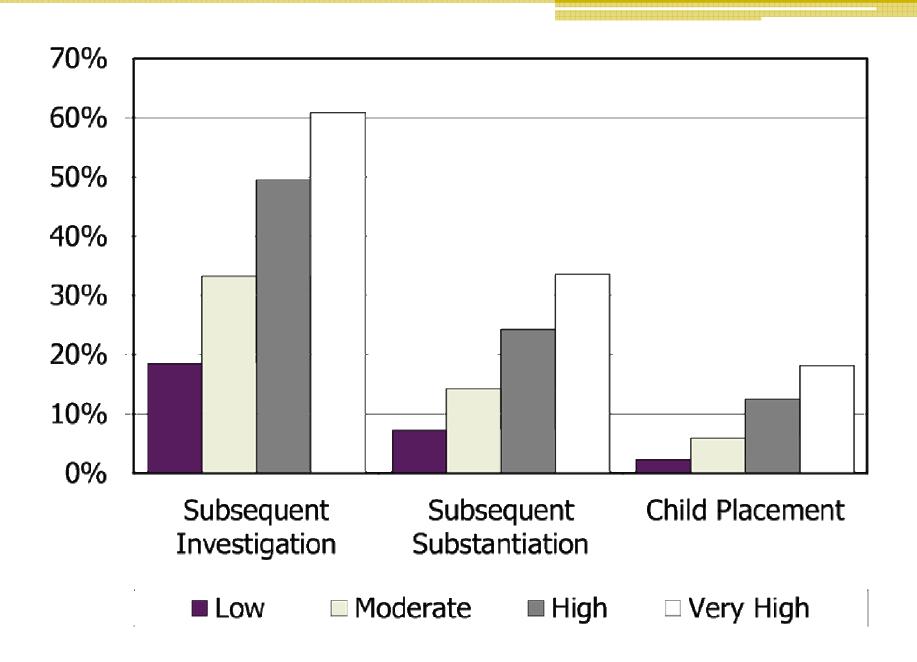


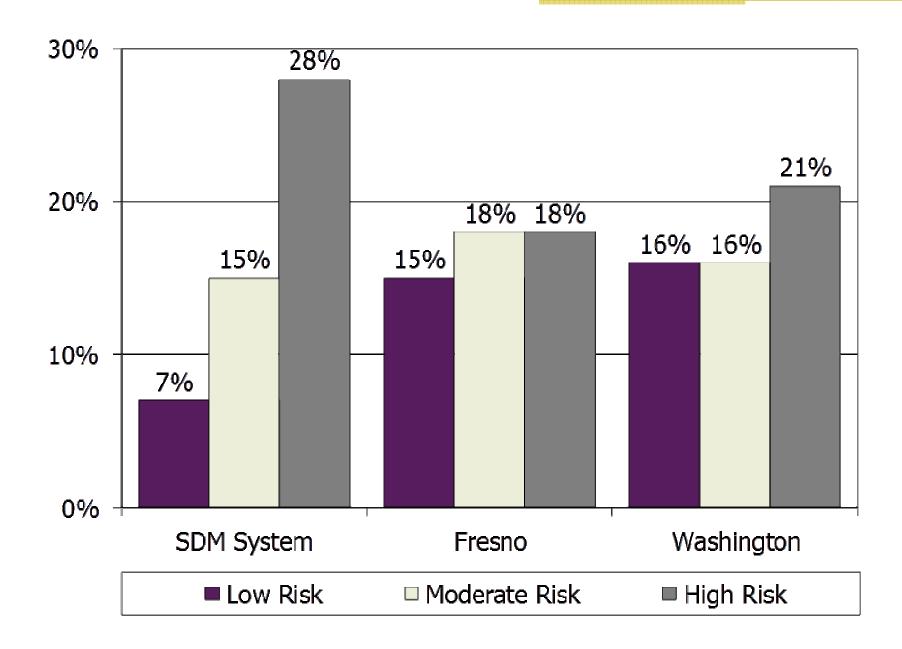
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Risk Assessment Structure Neglect index

Abuse index

Scored risk level

Overrides

Final risk level

Case Contacts



Contact Standards

Ongoing Worker Minimum Contact Guidelines for In-Home Services								
Risk Level	Caregiver and Child Contacts	Location						
Low	One face-to-face per month with caregiver and child	Must be in caregiver's residence						
Moderate	Two face-to-face per month with caregiver and child	One must be in caregiver's residence						
High	Three face-to-face per month with caregiver and child	One must be in caregiver's residence						
Very High	Four face-to-face per month with caregiver and child	Two must be in caregiver's residence						

Video Vignette

Risk Assessment

UTAH DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES SDM® FAMILY RISK REASSESSMENT Using the definitions, determine the appropriate response for each item and enter the corresponding score. After entering the score for each individual item, enter the total score and indicate the corresponding risk level. R1. Number of investigation prior to current involvement b. Onc. Two or more. R2. Household has previously received ongoing agency services R3. Primary caregiver has a history of abuse or neglect as a child b. Yes. R4. Child characteristics (mark applicable items and add for score) Risk a. D Noncofb, capply b. Dovelopmental, physical, or learning disability. c. D Medically fragile or failure to thrive. The following items are reported based ONLY on observations since the mo RS. New investigation of abuse, neglect, or dependency in the review po b. Yes... ReAssessment R6. Caregiver alcohol or drug abuse problem in the review period (rate this based on the earegiver with the least demonstrated progress) ☐ No secondary caregiver Primary Secondary a. No history of alcohol or drug abuse problem. b. No cummit alashol ordang abuse passum, no manc. Cummit alashol ordang abuse passum, passum is beil c. Cummit alashol ordang abuse passum passum is beil d. Current alcohol ordrug abuse problem, publicm is not R7. Adult relationships during this review period a. Neitherb nor c. b. Hamful dangtive relationships with adults. c. Domestic violance. RS. Primary caregiver physical care of child: a. Consistent with child needs. Inconsistant with child needs... 20. Caregiver progress toward desired results on the child and family plan in current review period (rate this item for both caregivers, but enter one everall score based on the caregiver with the least demonstrated progress) ☐ No secondary caregiver Primary Secondary a Routinely pursuing desired results in the plan; frequently demonstrates desired behavior, actively participating in programs b. Opppsignally, demonstrates desired behavior, partial participation in pushing desired rouls in the plan..... e. Rarely or nover demonstrates desired behavior, refuses involvement in programs or has cubibited a minimal lovel of participation with plus. TOTAL SCORE SCORED RISK LEVEL. Assign the family's risk level based on the following chart: Lew Mederate Wigh Very Nigh 6-8 hope inhomogram musices are Deploys Depos Decompros CVDs, Craft 402-02 (Aleman) Craft 32 (Aleman) dates \$1011 by NOSS All Rights Served

Risk ReAssessment

Family characteristics Progress in review period Scored risk level **Overrides** Final risk level

Demonstrating Change



Video Vignette

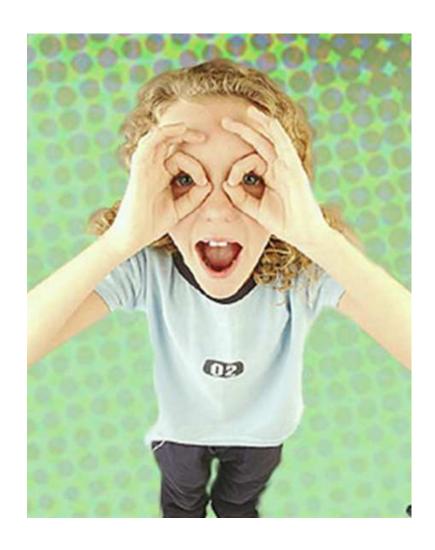
Risk ReAssessment

Panel

- Bob Smith- Assistant Attorney General
- Craig Bunnell- Guardian ad Litem
- Shannon Flasch- Associate Director- CRC
- Linda Wininger- SDM Project Lead Admin.
- Kevin Jackson- SDM Program Lead- In-Home

When?

 When will I begin seeing and hearing SDM language from frontline caseworkers?



Implementation Sites

- Northern: Ogden, Bountiful, & Logan.
- Salt Lake Valley: Metro & FIAT.
- Western: Spanish Fork.
- Eastern: Price, Castle Dale, & Vernal.
- Southwest: St. George.

Timeframe

