



SIGNS OF SAFETY FRAMEWORK DISCIPLINES

There are many disciplines that are involved in using the Signs of Safety framework to arrive at an assessment and plan that looks simple, but is a form of simplicity that synthesises considerable complexity.

These disciplines include:

1

A clear and rigorous understanding of the distinction between past harm, future danger and complicating factors.

2

A clear and rigorous distinction made between strengths and protection. Strengths need to be demonstrated as protection in relation to the danger, and over time.

3

Rendering all statements in straight-forward, rather than professionalised language, that can be readily understood by service recipients.

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As much as possible all statements focus on specific, observable behaviours.

5

Skilful use of authority.

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An underlying assumption that the assessment is a work in progress rather than a definitive set piece.