Impending Danger Threat Scenarios
Application Worksheet

Directions:
Read through each of the scenarios below. Identify the impending danger threat that best describes the caregiver behavior for each scenario. It’s OK if you don’t remember all of the impending danger threats. The purpose is for you to start to apply them to real-life scenarios.

Remember there is a downloadable impending danger threats list in this section. If you haven’t done so, go back and view or print that list of threats and then work through this document. We’ve done the first scenario for you as an example.

For each question, select your answer from the dropdown menu. When you are done, print the worksheet to discuss your responses with your supervisor, who will have the correct answers.

Scenarios:

1. **Example.** The single mother of an infant is so depressed she sometimes does not get out of bed all day. The baby is left in her crib.
   
   **Best** – 3. One or both parents/caregivers’ behavior is dangerously impulsive or they will not/cannot control their behavior.

2. The parents both work, but have limited financial resources. They spend rent and food money on video gaming equipment. They have 3 small children. They face eviction and there is no food in the house.
   
   **Best** – [Select...]

3. The parents sometimes have parties with friends who are intravenous drug users; drug paraphernalia (needles, etc.) is sometimes left out. The children, aged 4 and 6, sometimes wake in the morning following parties and are unsupervised in the house while the parents are sleeping.
   
   **Best** – [Select...]

4. The mother’s boyfriend is frequently physically abusive to her. When this happens her 14 year old son tries to intervene and protect her.
   
   **Best** – [Select...]

5. The mother thinks the child looks just like her ex-husband with whom she has a very hostile relationship. She interprets his behavior as being “just like his father” and always intending to cause her pain.
   
   **Best** – [Select...]

6. The child has a metabolic disorder that requires a special diet. The father sees the child as just fussy about her food and says she can get used to eating the same food as the rest of the family.
   
   **Best** – [Select...]
7. The child has severe welts from being disciplined with a belt. The parent says the child had it coming and expresses no concern for the child’s pain.  
**Best —** Select...

8. The single parent of an infant has not slept since the baby was born. She is very upset and says she doesn’t know what she’ll do to the child if this keeps up.  
**Best —** Select...

9. The mother left her children with a babysitter and has moved back with her boyfriend in another state.  
**Best —** Select...

10. The parents think their 8 year old is unusually mature and can provide adequate care for the baby.  
**Best —** Select...