MANAGING RISK IN CHILD PROTECTION

Project 27
WHAT IS RISK?

- Risk: indicates a threat/danger to an individual or group of individuals
- Risk is a social construction
  → it’s dependent on time and place
- Risk should be controlled
RISK FACTORS

- Parental characteristics:
  - Substance misuse
  - Aggressive and volatile behaviour
  - Poor childhood
  - Convictions for violent offences
  - Mental health issues

- Child:
  - age → vulnerability
  - Disabilities
  - behavioural problems
Environment:

- poor living conditions
- small place
- crime
- little community
CATEGORIES OF RISK

- neglect
- emotional abuse
- physical abuse
- sexual abuse
Victoria Climbié
8 years

Baby P.
17 months
SIGNIFICANT HARM

- Significant harm = erheblicher Schaden
- Harm: ill treatment or impairment of health and development
- No criteria
- Sometimes a single violent episode
- More often an accumulation of significant events
- Relative to each individual concerned
LEGAL BASIS

- Children Act 1989
  - concepts of significant harm and partnership
- Section 17 (children in need)
- Section 47 (children in need of protection)
THE PROCESS

- Referral
- Initial assessment
  - NFA
  - Child in need
    - Child in need of protection
      - Core assessment
        - Child protection conference
          - Multy-agency child protection plan
CORE ASSESSMENT

CHILD'S DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS

- Health
- Basic Care
- Education
- Ensuring Safety
- Emotional Warmth
- Emotional & Behavioural Development
- Identity
- Family & Social Relationships
- Social Presentation

PARENTING CAPACITY

- Guidance & Boundaries
- Stimulation
- Stability

FAMILY & ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

- Community
- Income
- Employment
- Housing
- Wider Family
- Family History & Functioning

CHILD
Safeguarding and promoting welfare
Thanks for listening!