

## What's New in **SAFeR** Enhanced

SAFeR Enhanced now includes 13 interconnected worksheets, including three brand-new resources. Every worksheet has been updated for clarity, ease of use, and alignment with current practice—and each connects seamlessly to others within the framework.

### **Screening (BLUE)**

The “S” in SAFeR focuses on screening for intimate partner violence (IPV)—asking whether abuse is present and whether deeper assessment is needed. Updated resources include a screening worksheet, a screening guide, and an interview guide, with important additions such as health-related abuse, technological abuse, and post-separation abuse. Screening now also addresses risk of harm and lethality indicators for both the parent experiencing harm and children, while highlighting protective behaviors that parents use to keep their children safe.

### **Assessing (GREEN)**

The “A” centers on assessing the nature and context of IPV. Based on practitioner feedback, SAFeR Enhanced combines conversations about abusive behaviors and their effects—reflecting how these discussions occur in practice. Updates also expand the child’s experience worksheet to document both exposure to abuse and direct harm. Importantly, language was clarified by replacing “interference with victim” with the more precise term “coercive control.”

### **Focus on the Effects (ORANGE)**

The “Fe” emphasizes the effects of IPV, with two new worksheets focused on Best Interest of the Child (BIOC) factors—one with guided questions. These tools support deeper, child-centered analysis, whether preparing testimony, informing guardian ad litem recommendations, or helping community advocates frame effective questions.

### **Responding (PURPLE)**

The “R” brings everything together. The updated Responding worksheet now features clearer formatting and options tied directly to specific categories—making it an ideal starting point for those new to SAFeR. We’ve also added a new co-parenting resource to help practitioners craft orders that support families in co-parenting as safely as possible.

SAFeR Enhanced reflects years of collaboration, learning, and practice. We invite you to explore the updates—and let us know how they support your work.