

## Assessing and Responding to Risk with Immigrant and Refugee Families using a Culturally Integrative Family Safety Response Model

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- Culturally Integrative Family Safety Response (CIFSR)
  - Brief overview of the model
- Four Aspects Screening Tool (FAST)
  - Development and Context
  - Application with Case Example
- Questions and Discussion

## Agenda

### Culturally Integrative Family Safety Response (CIFSR)

**CORE FOCUS**  
Keeping Families Safe

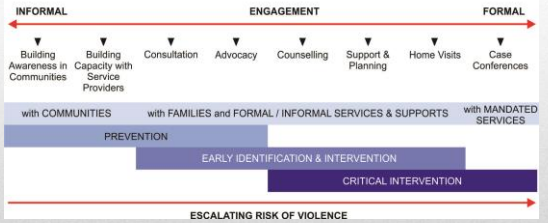
**CONTEXT**  
Collectivist Culture

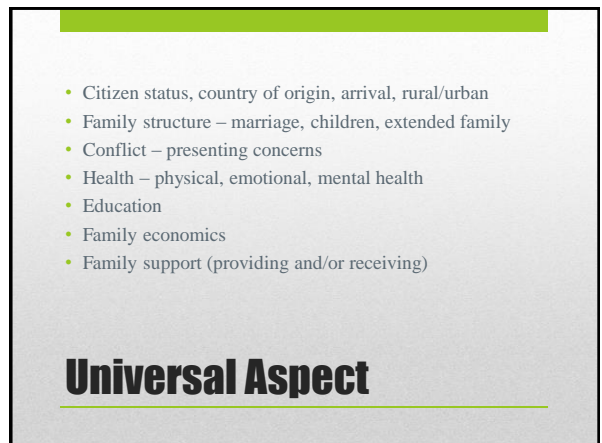
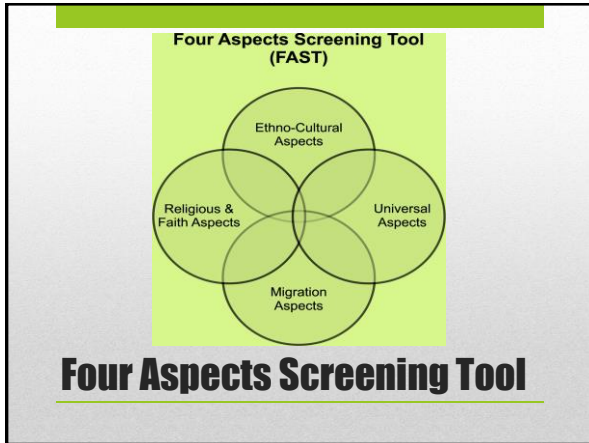
**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**  
Collaboration, Flexibility, Trust

**KEY PARTNER GROUPS**



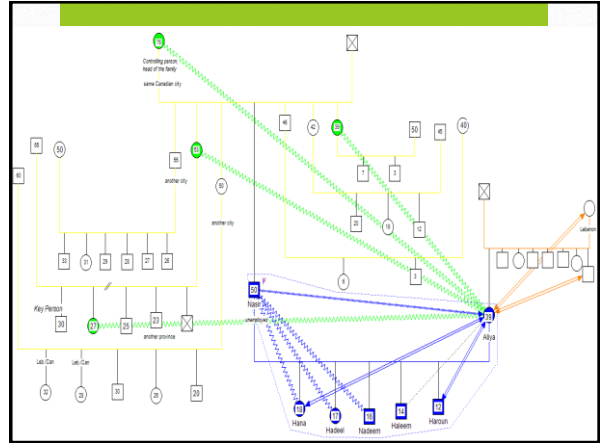
### Culturally Integrative Family Safety Response Engagement Continuum





- During an argument, Nasir (50) hit his wife Aliya (39) with a cellphone on the face while she was cooking.
- The 5 children (ages 12-18) came into the kitchen and tried to stop Nasir from further abusing their mom.
- The 18 yr old daughter dialed 911.
- The police came to the family house and removed Nasir who resisted his arrest by holding a knife and asking the police to kill him.

## Case example (Critical Incident)



- This family consists of the mother- Alyia (39), and the father- Nasir (50) and five children, Hanaa (18), Hadeel (17), Nadeem (16), Haleem (14), and Haroun (12). The family lives together and the children were born and raised in Canada.
- Nasir is originally from rural area in Palestine, and came to Canada from a refugee camp in Lebanon.
- Aliya is Lebanese, born and raised in a city, and sponsored by Nasir to migrate to Canada.
- Many of Nasir's extended family live in same Canadian city. Conflictual relationships in larger family, between couple and children, and between spouses.

## Case example (Universal)

- Nasir, production line worker, became unemployed for three years, also diagnosed with depression and taking medication
- Aliya, stay-at-home mom, has difficulty with English
- Children all attend school full-time

## Case example (Universal)

- Migration experience – pre-migration, armed conflict zones, internal displacement, forced displacement
- Witnessing and directly experiencing war-related violence (self, family members, losses) – effects
- Post-migration – integration/adjustment, socioeconomic status, barriers, community involvement & support

## **Migration Aspect**

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- Nasir came to Canada as a refugee at age 16 with his family (2 parents and 9 siblings).
- As a child, he witnessed armed conflicts, was kidnapped and tortured, and witnessed the death of his four best friends in a combat at the age 15.
- Nasir has good English, and worked mainly in a manufacturing most of his life in Canada.
- Aliya grew up in urban Lebanon outside of conflict zone. She came to Canada at age 18 and has some difficulty with English.

## **Case example (Migration)**

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- Cultural dynamics
- Family dynamics – gender roles, relationships, supports
- Sense of belonging / support & safety – ethno-cultural community

## **Ethno-cultural Aspect**

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- At age 30, Nasir went back to Lebanon to get a wife, where he met Aliya at a social event. One week later, Nasir proposed to Aliya and within 2 months they were married.
- The family has good social support and is well-connected to their ethnic community. They attend social events within the community.
- Aliya's friend and Nasir's nephew were supportive and assisted her in taking care of her family as it was the first time ever she was on her own.

## **Case example (Ethno-cultural)**

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- Nasir accused his children of losing their cultural identity by not obeying him as the head of the family, and the eldest boy for not stepping to support him.
- Furthermore, Nasir started questioning his daughters' outings, and demanded that they should not to go out without their brother.
- Nasir also requested that his wife get his permission before going out and questioned the way she dressed.

## **Case example (Ethno-cultural)**

- Religious affiliation, role of faith in daily life
- Role of religion/faith in family
- Support/belonging to religious community

## **Religious & Faith Aspect**

- Aliya considers herself religious, saying that her prayers have provided her with patience and guided her decisions when facing life challenges.
- Aliya had issues with her husband and children as they were not practising religion. She wants her daughters to wear the hijab.
- The family is not connected to their religious community.

## **Case example (Religious & Faith)**

- What more would you want to know within these four aspects for this case example?
  - Universal (family & individual health, wellbeing)
  - Migration
  - Ethno-cultural
  - Religious & Faith
- Based on the FAST for Case Example, who and what organizations would you want to involve in interventions and support for this family?

## **Discussion**

- FAST sections provide direction for who to include as CORT partners

## **Coordinated Organizational Response Teams CORT**

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## **Discussion - Questions**

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