**The Initial Shelter Care Hearing (aka, “The 72”)**

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| When you consider… | Think about… |
| RCW 13.34.065…(5)(a) The court shall release a child alleged to be dependent to the care, custody, and control of the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian unless the court finds there is reasonable cause to believe that:(i) After consideration of the specific services that have been provided, reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it possible for the child to return home; and(ii)(A) The child has no parent, guardian, or legal custodian to provide supervision and care for such child; or(B) The release of such child would present a serious threat of substantial harm to such child, notwithstanding an order entered pursuant to RCW [26.44.063](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=26.44.063); or(C) The parent, guardian, or custodian to whom the child could be released has been charged with violating RCW [9A.40.060](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=9A.40.060) or [9A.40.070](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=9A.40.070). | 1. **Tell me about the assessment of Safety. *Specifically…***
	1. What is/are the threat(s) to the safety of children in the home of each parent?
	2. How is each child vulnerable to the threat(s)?
	3. Describe the protective capacity of each parent, strengths and challenges.

**Is each child safe? If not, why and how?**1. **Can the protective factors plus a safety plan control threats to create safety?**
2. **If a Safety Plan cannot be accomplished today, what specifically needs to change to accomplish it?**
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**Notes:**