

# Risk Versus Benefit Tools

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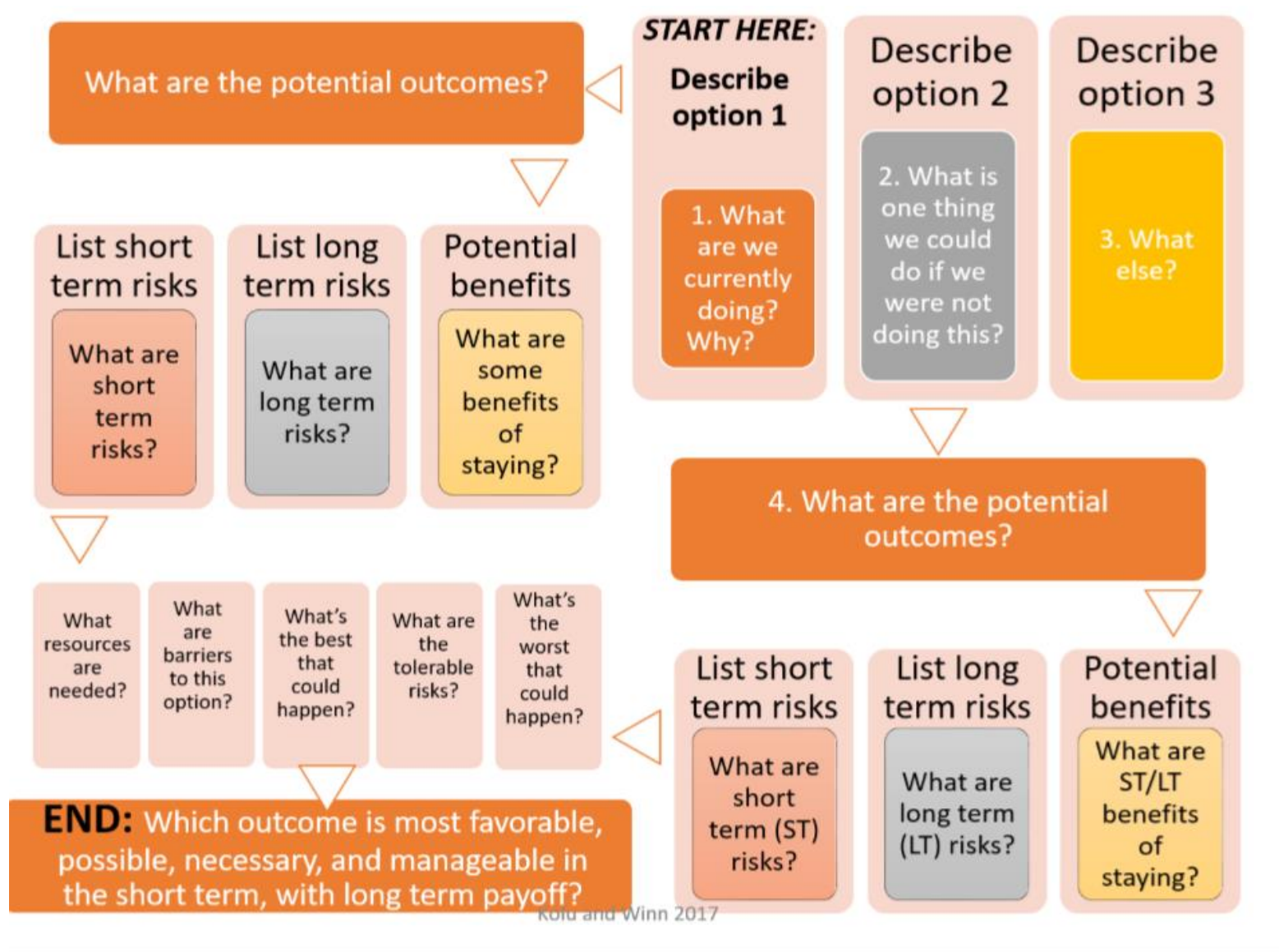


## Considerations:

- On templates, duplicate signature lines and add space wherever appropriate.
- Try using these on google docs for teams to contribute to (copy and paste into a new doc there).
- These materials are compatible with online trainings and additional materials provided by [cuspemergence.com](http://cuspemergence.com) and [cuspemergenceuniversity.com](http://cuspemergenceuniversity.com).
- Risks and Our Role is a continuing education opportunity that provides considerably more detail on these forms and how to use them, and will be offered later this year.
- We typically conduct the risk versus benefit analysis together as a team and then generate a mitigation plan based on results. It is often helpful to provide a finished product on letterhead, summarized in a prior written notice in a document in education, or as a letter for a court.
- Please conduct all analyses in coordination with following the Ethics codes for your profession and the Behavior Analysis Certification Board.
- If conducting RVB on trauma-related behavior, consider a trauma-informed tool to assess and document risk, like SAFE-T Assessment (see website for more)

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RVB Flowchart (expand to include as many additional options as are relevant)



# 10-Step RVB (Sample Items in Risk Versus Benefit Analysis Template)

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## Introduction

1. Overview of the document (e.g., include client name, the name and type of the document, its purpose, clarification that it is NOT a functional behavior assessment or behavior plan, suggested usage, person(s) who prepared it, etc. May include a list of documents or sources that were consulted. Note: This RVB may be included in the RVB or used in PWN (prior written notice in IEP)
2. Primary question the team is asking (see example question types above)
3. List of options being considered or potentially available

## Option analysis

4. Describe Option 1
5. List all potential risks given Option 1 (include long-term risks, short-term risks; include 1 section for each RISK TARGET (see example risk target types above, such as risks to CLIENT, risks to TEAM members, etc)
6. List of potential benefits given Option 1 (include long-term benefits, short-term benefits)
7. Summary statement of risks for Option 1,
  - a. Factors that would be required to mitigate risks
  - b. Factors that would be required to realize benefits (e.g., include resources, training, education, cost, time, etc)
  - c. Given all information for Option 1, overall statement of whether this option is too risky or potentially acceptable

(Repeat option analysis (Steps 4-7) for options 2, 3, 4, etc

## Conclusions

8. Additional concerns or notes
9. Overall recommendations for Risk Versus Benefit Analysis (e.g., if person(s) preparing the analysis recommends one path over another)
10. Team input and signatures
  - a. Place for additional team input (e.g., if they have anything to add after the risk versus benefit analysis is reviewed, put it in writing here)
  - b. Date this Risk Versus Benefit Analysis was provided to team (repeat this section if discussions about risk were held multiple times)
  - c. Y/N: Indicate whether the team supports any option at this time
  - d. If yes, list option the team supports
  - e. Signatures and roles and dates for each member who signed the document

# Risk Mitigation Plan Template

<p><b>Client:</b></p> <p><b>Team members:</b></p> <p><b>Problem or issue this plan is addressing:</b></p>
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Date the risk versus benefit was reviewed with the team: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Option the team selected</b> (may describe the option here or refer back to the original risk versus benefit document and list the number of the option selected and attach it, and only briefly describe it) :</p>
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Risk addressed by this option	List action(s) required to mitigate this risk	Person responsible for this action	Additional resources required for this mitigation step	Date to be completed

Team initials for risk mitigation plan:

ADD INITIALS AND CIRCLE YOUR SELECTION (AGREE/ DO NOT AGREE)

\_\_\_\_ I agree/ do not agree with this risk mitigation plan and have added my input (list member/role: \_\_\_\_\_)