

PARENT ORIENTATION

Working with
Child Protective Services

AGENDA 2.5 HOURS

Housekeeping 15 minutes

Legal Time Frames 45 minutes

Break 15 minutes

Treatment Plan 60 minutes

Questions and Answers 15 minutes

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the session the participant will:

- ◉ Have knowledge of the legal timeframes for children in Department custody
- ◉ Know the role of the PPW.
- ◉ Understand how PS assesses safety and risk.
- ◉ Understand their role in working the court ordered treatment plan.
- ◉ Understand the rules of visitation.
- ◉ Know how to obtain a drug test.
- ◉ Have a basic understanding of concurrent planning.

LEGAL TIMELINES

Permanency Planning

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Custody hearing

Mediation

Adjudication

Disposition

Initial Judicial Review

First Permanency Hearing

Subsequent Permanency Hearing

Ongoing Permanency Hearings

Termination of Parental Rights Trial

FCMs and other Meetings

CUSTODY HEARING

- ◉ Occurs at 10 days in custody
- ◉ Probable Cause Hearing
- ◉ Beginning of Parent and Child Assessment Period
- ◉ Initial Plan: Reunification
- ◉ Possible Concurrent plan

MEDIATION

- ◉ Can occur prior to Adjudication, plea discussion
- ◉ Occurs in most cases, but not all
- ◉ Participants
- ◉ Treatment Plan proposed
- ◉ Court Ordered
- ◉ Can occur at other points during a case

ADJUDICATION

- ◉ Contest or Plea
- ◉ Held within 60 days of custody hearing
- ◉ PPW will prepare finding of facts
- ◉ Testimony regarding the abuse and or neglect
- ◉ Investigator usually testifies
- ◉ May be additional witnesses

DISPOSITION

- ◉ Within 30 days of Adjudication
- ◉ Usually at the close of the Adjudication hearing
- ◉ Results of assessments are incorporated into the treatment plan
- ◉ Treatment plan is ordered by the court

INITIAL JUDICIAL REVIEW

- ◉ Held within 60 days of the Disposition
- ◉ Check in with the court, assess parent progress
- ◉ All parties have an opportunity to speak

FIRST PERMANENCY HEARING

- ◉ Held within 6 months of the Initial Judicial Review
- ◉ Return home plan presented to the court
- ◉ Trial Home Visit starting within 90 days
- ◉ If no Trial Home Visit plan the Department is required to change the Permanency Plan
- ◉ PPW submits a court report with provider feedback

SUBSEQUENT PERMANENCY HEARING

- ◉ Held 90 days after the First Permanency Hearing
- ◉ Children must be at home or the Department must change the Permanency Plan
- ◉ Court report with feedback from providers

PERMANENCY HEARINGS

- Ongoing hearings every 6 months until the case is closed
- PPW submits a report to the court

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TRIAL

- ◉ Held if the plan is adoption
- ◉ Witnesses
- ◉ Rules of evidence apply
- ◉ Decision may be appealed
- ◉ Relinquishment is an option

FAMILY CENTER MEETINGS

- ◉ Held at various points in the case
- ◉ Held prior to a Trial Home Visit
- ◉ Held prior to change of Permanency Plan
- ◉ Held prior to change in child's placement

- ◉ Sometimes held in conjunction with court ordered meetings such as the Pre-Permanency Conference

TRIAL HOME VISITS

- ◉ The Department continues to have legal custody of the child
- ◉ Duration: 3 to 6 months
- ◉ Parents still follow the court ordered treatment plan
- ◉ Parents responsible for meeting the well being needs of the child
- ◉ PPW will continue to make home visits both scheduled and unscheduled

TREATMENT PLAN

Court Ordered

TREATMENT PLAN

- ◉ Your Input
- ◉ Safety Threats and Protective Capacities
- ◉ Risk Assessments
- ◉ Family strengths and supports

PPW ROLE IN THE TREATMENT PLAN

- ◉ Assess safety threats and ability to address safety threats
- ◉ Make referrals to appropriate resources
- ◉ Meet with parents monthly to assist you in assessing their progress
- ◉ Follow up with providers to assess parent progress
- ◉ Provide parent with feedback - compliance versus change
- ◉ Report parent progress to the court
- ◉ Assess child safety in foster home
- ◉ Report on child's progress to the court

PARENT ROLE IN THE TREATMENT PLAN

- ◉ Assess your needs to safely parent the child
- ◉ Make appointments and attend services
- ◉ Actively engage in the change process
- ◉ Attend visitation with the child
- ◉ Participate in all court ordered items including drug testing
- ◉ Attend monthly meetings with the PPW
- ◉ Resist the urge to make excuses or fight with the Department
- ◉ Make the changes necessary to safely parent the child!!!

PARENT INFORMATION

- ◉ Who's who in the Child Welfare System
- ◉ CYFD acronyms
- ◉ Drug testing procedure
- ◉ Visitation guidelines
- ◉ Family visitation
- ◉ Transportation
- ◉ Accessing services
- ◉ Compliance versus change

CONCURRENT PLANNING

- ◉ Definition and Goals
- ◉ Identified cases
- ◉ Expectations
- ◉ Relatives - Search and visitation
- ◉ Monthly meetings
- ◉ Foster Parent role

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS