



PRESENT DANGER AND PROTECTIVE PLANNING LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

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PROTECTIVE ACTION

Protective Action: refers to a CPS action that is initiated when Present or Impending Danger is identified in order to shield the child from harm.

PROTECTIVE PLAN

Protective Plan: refers to an immediate, short term action that protects a child from Present Danger Threats in order to allow completion of the Initial Assessment and, if needed, the implementation of a Safety Plan. (Safety Intervention Standards, Glossary)

WHAT STRATEGIES CAN BE USED IN PROTECTIVE PLANS?

These strategies are all about shielding from the danger and severe harm assessed, not change!

The three strategies for consideration are:

The source of the dangerous behavior or condition leaves the home

- The source of the dangerous behavior or condition leaves voluntarily or involuntarily. The CPS professional must assess feasibility and sustainability of the arrangements.
- The remaining parent/caregiver must have sufficient capacity to manage the needs of the child without the person whose behavior is unsafe for the child present.

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WHAT STRATEGIES CAN BE USED IN PROTECTIVE PLANS? CONTINUED

Providers in the home

- Most often this includes someone in the family network agreeing to be the safety response provider.
- Some agencies/counties may have formal providers available.
- All providers, either informal or formal, must go through a vetting process to ensure they are suitable for the role being asked of them.

Child leaves the home

- This takes on various roles with different levels of intrusiveness.
- The child may only be out of the home during a specific period the danger is active or may temporarily reside with a friend or relative.
- Any time the CPS professional is having the child in another home as a safety response, safety in this environment with the vetted providers must be confirmed as well as ICWA notifications/policies followed.

TIPS FOR DETERMINING WHICH STRATEGY TO USE

- Is the danger operating 24/7? If not, how can I ensure CPS is not being overly intrusive?
- What is each parent's capacity to participate in the plan? How can I ensure the parent has a clear role in the plan to continue providing care that capitalizes on their strengths?
- Who is available within the family network? Are they suitable and available when needed?



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REFLECTION ON CONTENT

How clear are you on the different strategies available for a protective plan? Are these considered equitably when a protective plan is required? Definition of equitable: fair, unbiased, and objective approach to negotiating the optimal strategy in partnership with the family.

ACTION ITEM

How does your agency/county ensure the least intrusive strategy is utilized on protective plans whenever possible?