**Non-Custodial Parent Conversation Guide:**

**When you contact the NCP:**

* Introduce yourself and your roll
* Discuss the allegation leading to CPS involvement
* Explain the CPS process (including any relevant information on child safety that has been gathered)
* Open the door for continued contact regarding the case, ensure the NCP has your contact information

**Information Gathering Questions:**

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| **INVOLVED NCP** | **NOT INVOLVED NCP** |
| What does visitation look like?  Custody arrangement (court order as well as what is being followed-this may differ)  What is your relationship with the child(ren)?  Have the children expressed any concerns about the other parent?  Relationship with the other parent  Have you observed any concerns in the home? Past concerns?  What does the other parent do well? Strengths? | What has your involvement looked like in the past?  What would you like your involvement to look like moving forward?  Custody arrangement (court order as well as what is being followed-this may differ)  Relationship with the other parent  Are there barriers that are prohibiting you from seeing/visiting/talking to your children? What are these barriers? How could these barriers be addressed?  Is your family involved with the child(ren) [grandparents, aunts/uncles, etc.] currently? If yes, what does that involvement look like? If no, do they have an interest in being involved with the child(ren)?  Any current concerns with the other parent? Past concerns?  What does the other parent do well? Strengths? |

**Family Court Conversations:**

* Direct to Family Court if there are concerns with placement/custody
  + Phone number: 920.448.4155
* Parenting practices that do not relate to child safety can be addressed in family court
* Always remember, we do not provide legal advice!

**Ways to engage with your child:**

* Write a card/ letter
* Send pictures
* Telephone calls/ text messages/ Zoom or other virtual visit platforms
* Read a book together

**Services/Resources:**

* Triple P Parenting
* Howe Resource Center
* Family and Childcare Resource NEW
* Welcome Baby (for parents with newborns)
* Collaborative Co-Parenting providing resources in Brown County (920-448-4090)
* Family Training Program (after conversation with supervisor)
* Oneida Parenting Programs (trauma-informed parenting)
* fatherhood.gov
* parenting.extension.wisc.edu