

Safety Organized Practice

Safety Organized Practice is a collaborative practice approach that emphasizes the importance of teamwork in child welfare. SOP aims to build and strengthen partnerships with the child welfare agency and within the family by involving their informal support network of friends and family members. Its overarching objectives are:

- A) Development of Good Working Relationships;
- B) Use of Critical Thinking and Decision Support Tools; and
- C) Creation of Detailed Plans for Enhancing Daily Safety of Children.

A central belief of SOP is that all families have strengths. SOP uses strategies and techniques that align with the belief that a child and his/her family are the central focus, and that the partnership exists in an effort to find solutions that ensure safety, permanency, and well-being for children. Safety Organized Practice is informed by an integration of practices and approaches, including:

- **Solution-Focused Practice**
- **Signs of Safety**
- **Structured Decision Making**
- **Child & Family Engagement**
- **Risk & Safety Assessment Research**
- **Consultation & Information Sharing Framework**
- **Cultural Humility**
- **Trauma-Informed Practice**



SAFETY
Actions of protection taken by a caregiver that mitigate the danger demonstrated over time

GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

- Solution-focused interviewing
- Strategies for interviewing children
- Child centered
- Respectful, quality partnering
- Cultural humility

CRITICAL THINKING

- Mapping
- SDM assessments

ENHANCING SAFETY

- Harm and danger statements
- Well-informed goals
- Building safety networks
- Collaborative planning

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