Safety Organized Practice

Safety Organized Practice for Provider Network

The collaborative practice approach of Safety Organized Practice (SOP) can be utilized by all individuals providing direct support to families and DCFS including: Foster Care Specialists, Family Organizations, Family Support Workers, Parenting Time Workers, etc. Below are examples of how you as Supportive Staff may see or utilize Safety Organized Practice when working with families.



GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS	 Note any perspective the family or child provides. Actively reflect with the family recent interactions you may have had with them. Utilize the Reflections document with the parents after parenting time. Utilize Solution Focused questions to obtain information about the family during interactions. (Exception, Scaling, Position, Coping, Preferred Future)
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CRITICAL THINKING	DCFS to help inform their decision making.
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	and what needs to happen next by participating in a Case Mapping at a
	Family Team Meeting.

	Look for Harm and Danger Statements in service referrals. Clear
ENHANCING SAFETY	statements of why DCFS is involved with the family.
	During interactions with the family, look for and document acts of
	protection, behaviors taken by a parent that builds safety for their child,
	and report any concerning behavior to DCFS staff. Ensure to specify the
	behavior and describe how these actions impacted the child.
	• Pick up on who the family talks about regularly and report back to DCFS
	as people who could possibly be part of the family's network.

