

Helpful tips for Ohana Conference

CWS Social Workers



WHY CWS IS INVOLVED?

Examples: Physical neglect/DV/SA issues.

Please just a quick overview - avoid sharing details at the beginning- we will address later in 'Concerns'



PURPOSE

FAC opens by asking SW, GAL/CASA or family what they would like to discuss..

Sample Purposes:

Discuss Service Plan, Visits, FAC opens by asking SW, GAL/CASA or family what they would like to discuss., Placement Options, Case Direction, Concurrent Planning, Ongoing concerns ie: ongoing substance abuse by parents, ongoing DV, etc..



UPDATE ON CHILDREN

(NEEDS & SERVICES/HOPES & DREAMS)

Social worker is often asked to share current status of children. Know who children are placed with, who children's PCP is & current health, what school they attend & how they are doing, list services they are involved in & any concerns



HOPES & DREAMS:

Social workers often share the following: For children, reunite with parents or be placed with family or have connections with family



FAMILY STRENGTHS

Social workers often share that it's a big strength for parents to have family support attending 'OC, consistency with visits & services

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CONCERNS & LEGAL TIMELINES

Social worker explains current legal status & what that means, what are the expectations moving forward. *Please be prepared to clearly state what CWS is looking for in order to move towards reunification. Facilitators may press for specifics of what they mean by "safe family home"

- SW explained timelines, and they are encouraged to bring up concurrent planning as early as possible

Social worker needs to be able to clearly articulate the specific safety concerns in a straightforward manner - for example "Mother's substance use, " "Parents' domestic violence," "Father's mental health"

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HELP & SERVICES

Bring FSP to list services parents are court ordered & provide update on current status, next steps. Understand that we will put a 'to-do by' date for any needed referrals or follow-ups - for example: we will ask the social worker "When will you call Hina Mauka to submit referral for SAA?"

- Be prepared to explain the reason for services - parents will often ask why they need to do SAA or attend a parenting class

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Important dates for social workers to have on hand:

