

# Tips for 'Ohana Conference



## FOR PARENTS, FAMILY & CAREGIVERS



### welcome + introductions

- Family is asked to choose how they would like to open the conference. Some open with prayer or song
- Each person states their name & relationship to children.



### purpose

Fac asks SW to share the reason for the meeting. The parents are also asked if they have any additions.

Purpose examples  
Developing service & visitation plans, discussing case direction, Id visuals placement options, etc...



### children

Fac will often ask parents, SW & RCG to share how the children are doing. It is helpful to bring information on the following:

children's PCP/Dentist and current health, dates of last appointment or upcoming, what school they attend and grade, extracurricular activities, mental health & services they are involved in & any concerns



### hopes + dreams

Share your hopes & dreams for the children.  
ex: For children to reunite with parents & maintain family connections and culture

## family strengths + connections



Share cultural/spiritual practices that you practice in your family. Fac will ask who children are connected to. ex: children are bonded to grandma who they see daily or neighbor often helps with childcare.

SW & family often are asked to share the connections children have with extended family. Who children are close with or which family members help with childcare

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## concerns

Participants share any ongoing concerns



## help + services

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Come prepared to discuss your services. Make sure you have your providers first & last name, how often you meet & focus of your work

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## visits

Facilitator will be asking how visits are going.

Parents are encouraged to share updates on their visits. Be prepared to share the following:

- Who attends the visits
- When the last visit was
- How often
- Location

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## case direction/legal timelines + concurrent planning

SW is responsible for sharing legal status & timelines for parents to understand what to expect at next court hearing & how the case is moving

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## private family time

all professionals leave the room to allow family to review notes & come up with questions or decisions

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## next steps

*Fac will pull tasks from the discussion for ex: parents will attend child's next doctor's appt.*

*Everyone is asked to set a date for next conference in 3 months*

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## closure

family is asked to choose how they would like to end the meeting