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



concerns

Participants share any ongoing concerns





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





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



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



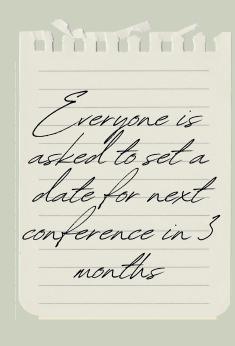
private family time

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



next steps

Jac nill pull tasks from the discussion for ex: parents nill attend child's next doctor's appt.





closure

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

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