

Tips for Ohana Conference



FOR VCM WORKER

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why cws is involved?

Ex: physical neglect/DV/SA issues. Please just a quick overview- avoid sharing details at the beginning - we will address later in 'Concerns'

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purpose

FAC opens by asking SW or family what they would like to discuss.

Sample Purposes:

Discuss Service Plan

Visits

Case Direction

Ongoing concerns

ex: ongoing substance abuse by parents

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update on children

Know who the children are placed with, who their PCP/Dentist are + current health, what school they attend, extracurricular activities, mental health + how they are doing, list services for children

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hopes + dreams

Ex of what you can share:
For children to remain in a healthy and stable home

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family strengths

Workers often share that it is a big strength for parents to have family support attending OC or consistency with services

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concerns + legal timelines

Explain current legal status & what that means, what are the expectations moving fwd. *Please be prepared to clearly state what VCM is looking for in order to move towards case closure.



help + services

Be prepared to list services parents are asked to complete & 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 ex: we will ask the SW "when will you call Hina Mauka to submit the referral for SAA?" Be prepared to explain the reason for services - parents will often ask why they need to do a SAA or attend a parenting class



visits

If parents share custody, FAC will be asking how visits are going. Be prepared to share when the last visit was? How often? Location? Are they supervised or unsupervised- related to safety. Progress of visits for each parent + siblings



private family time

All professionals leave the room to allow family to review OC notes + come up with questions and decisions



next steps

Schedule a date + time for next conference



important dates to bring to the OC:

