



What to Expect 6 Stages of Child Safety TDM Meetings

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Identify the Situation
- 3) Assess the Situation
- 4) Develop Ideas
- 5) Reach a Decision
- 6) Recap / Evaluation / Close

<i>When is the Staffing?</i>
Date:
Time:
Location:
Caseworker:
Supervisor:



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Child Safety Staffings

A Team Decision-Making
Meetings



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- **Why?** To develop a plan that ensures protection and safety for the child in the least restrictive / least intrusive manner possible.
- **Who?** Parents, family / friends, youth (as age appropriate), service providers, community representatives, caseworker of record, supervisor and resource staff.
- **What?** A facilitated meeting with family members, their supports, caregivers, community representatives, the child (if age appropriate), the caseworker and the supervisor working together with the agency team serving the family.
- **When?** A Child Safety TDM must be convened the next business day following a Juvenile Rule 6 (JR6). Child Safety TDMs are always held before initial court filing in cases of a JR 6. A Child Safety TDM should also be convened in cases involving an active safety concern on a child five years or younger.
- **Where?** The scheduler will arrange a time and location in coordination with the family's caseworker.

Team Decision-Making Meeting (TDM)

This model recognizes and respects the birth family as an expert on its own children and gives the family a voice. While appreciating their strengths, families are engaged in a critical discussion regarding the safety and protection of their child.

A TDM is one way for the agency to partner with the family, their supports, children (when appropriate) and community representatives in all Child Safety decisions to ensure that accurate, plentiful and relevant information is examined.



Elements of Child Safety TDMs



Teamwork

Consensus

Active family involvement

Skillful facilitation

Safety planning

Strength-based assessment

Needs-driven services

Community involvement

If you have any questions about these staffings, please call Antuane Hammond, Supervisor, at (330) 379-2110 or the staffing scheduler at (330) 996-1025.