

### **What to Expect Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Information Sharing
- 3) Make & Review Plans
- 4) Overview of Next Steps

When is the Staffing?
Date:
Time:
Location:
Caseworker:
Supervisor:



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### Supplemental Case **Planning TDM**

Planning for the Children's Sake



# Supplemental Case Planning TDM

- Why? To work toward returning the child(ren), when possible, while at the same time establishing a 'backup' permanency plan.
- Who? Parents, family / friends, foster parents (if invited by parents), and other involved service providers.
- What? The care, protection and stability of the child(ren) will be discussed. Parents, extended family, friends and community supports will be encouraged to take part in the decision-making process.
- When? The meeting will take place within 90-120 days from the initial court date or immediately following the Dispositional Hearing when possible.
- Where? The meetings are typically held at Summit County Children Services. However, alternate arrangements can be made as needed.

#### **House Bill 484**

This law requires child welfare agencies to make every effort to reunify the child(ren) with the biological parents unless excused by law. It encourages parents to address identified issues more quickly. Children Services will work with families up front to help them improve their situation.

Supplemental case planning is a process of working toward family reunification while at the same time developing an alternative permanency plan. When children are not in safe and stable homes, the child welfare system has an obligation to quickly plan and provide services to ensure safety and permanency. Supplemental case planning provides caseworkers with a structured approach to move children quickly from foster care to the stability of a permanent family home.

Before the Supplemental Case Planning TDM, the assigned worker will contact you to:

- Explain the meeting process
- Discuss who should be invited
- Find out about special needs, i.e. transportation, child care, etc., that must be met to help participants
- Answer questions, if needed

## Permanency Options Can Include:

- Children return to their parent(s) and/or legal guardian, where their health and safety needs are met.
- Children are legally placed in the custody of a relative or other interested party.
- Children are placed in alternative living arrangements with continuing agency involvement.
- Children are placed in the permanent custody of the agency so the child can be adopted.



If you have any questions about this meeting, please call Antuane Hammond, Supervisor, at (330) 379-2110.