

Meeting Information

Date

Time

Location

Contact Information

Your Case Manager

Phone

Email

Case Manager Supervisor

Supervisor Phone

Remember:



This meeting is your opportunity to speak about the safety of your child.



You may invite key people who you think will be supportive to you, your children, and your family to this meeting.



Please let your DCF worker know who you are inviting so we can provide adequate space.



Please also advise your DCF worker if anyone you are inviting requires special accommodations including child care, transportation, interpretation service, or any other assistance that will make involvement in the TDM meeting possible.



What is Team Decision Making?

Team Decision Making is a structured meeting called to make a decision about where your child can safely reside.



You are the **expert** on your own family.



What is the purpose?

The purpose of the TDM approach is to allow you, your family and your supports, as well as DCF staff, and other community service providers to have an honest discussion about identified threats to the safety of your child, and the possibility of your child being separated from you.

This team approach allows the entire group to share their ideas to make the **best possible safety decision** for your child.

When should a TDM be scheduled?

A TDM should occur when a child's safety is in question and they may need to be separated from their parent or caregiver. The meeting should occur *before* the child is separated.



EMERGENCY



In an emergency, the child should first be kept safe, and then a TDM held as soon as possible.

Who will attend?

You decide!

You may invite anyone you feel can be a support to your family: **family members, friends, neighbors, community supports**, etc.

Children age 10+ are encouraged to attend this meeting or provide input in another way so they can *share their voice*.

Your DCF worker and their supervisor will also be present. Other community supports or professionals may be present to help grow your support network.



TDM Meeting Guidelines

Privacy



All participants will respect your family's right to privacy.

Equity



All participants reserve the right to contribute their voice to the meeting.

Respect



All participants will show one another respect by listening actively, calmly navigating disagreements and reserving judgment.

Honesty



All participants are encouraged to share freely and honestly without fear of blame or negativity.

Collaboration



All participants are encouraged to contribute to the meeting in order to collaboratively arrive at the best decision for your family.