



Department of Human Services



Pre/Post Removal Conference Purpose Statement

“PRC is an effort to identify a family’s team & problem solve in the interest of reducing trauma to children experiencing an out of home placement. In doing so, we will strive to meet the preliminary safety, mental, physical and education needs of the children via formal and family supports.”

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Why Pre/Post Removal Conference?

- More timely & complete information, reducing questions, frustration and trauma
- Families have a greater voice, participation and sense of responsibility
- Families have greater support and connections from the people that will remain in their lives
- More court time is available for contested matters

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PRC History and Philosophy

- Pilot in October 2006
- Implemented Mid January 2007

It's All About the Children

- Reduced Trauma during removal
- Secured best possible placement
- Established Early Family Interaction Plan





Collaboration





Pre/Post-Removal Conference Protocol

DHS Initiates the Request

- Intake Call
- Safety Assessment
- Calls County Attorney

County Attorney

- Evaluate case details with CPA and Supervisor
- Assessment Recommendations
- Consult with PRC Coordinator
- Obtains all Court Orders
- Present Removal/Plan in Court





Pre/Post-Removal Conference Protocol

DHS PRC Coordinator

- Gathers Details
- Matches Case with FTMF

PRC FTM Facilitator

- Meets with Family
- Facilitates PRC based on FTM format



Pre/Post-Removal Conference Protocol

Medical (VNS)

- Identifies Medical Concerns
- Coordinates Medical Visits
- Provide Assistance and Education

Parent Partner

- Attend PRC supporting parent
- Support throughout the case
- Encourages and strengthens



Data

- Calendar 2007 PRCs 105
- Calendar 2008 PRCs 131
- Calendar 2009 PRCs 144
- Calendar 2010 PRCs 189
- Calendar 2011 PRCs 221
- Calendar 2012 PRC 135 (Jan 2012-June 2012)



Parent Testimonial





Social Worker Testimonial

The CPW felt “the PRC meeting was very good. I was pleased with the engagement efforts and team formation. I felt that the 2 hour time investment resulted in the family being more informed, resulting in fewer questions of me early in the case.”





Three “Must Have” Items to Implementation

- DHS Support
- Strong County Attorney
- Judges, at minimum, have a *“wait and see attitude”*





Questions?
