



Clark County Family Services

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SUBJECT:

Conditions for Return

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SCOPE:

Development and updating of conditions for return in relation to safety plan determinations.

SPECIFIC LEGAL and OTHER REFERENCES:

Case Plan Facilitation- Caregivers Policy and Procedures

[NAC 432B](#)

[NRS 432B](#)

[NV DCFS Policy 0508 Nevada Initial Assessment](#)

Protective Capacity Progress Assessment Policy and Procedures

Safety Plan Determination Policy and Procedures

PROGRAMS IMPACTED:

At Risk Youth Support

Nevada Initial Assessment

Permanency

SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

Supersedes Nevada Initial Assessment Policy and Procedures - Procedures section P: Conditions for Return.

DEFINITIONS:

For a list of acronyms and a glossary of terms used throughout DFS refer to Acronyms and Glossary located on DFSNet.

Caregiver:

“Caregiver” is used throughout this Policy and Procedures to refer to any of the following individuals who are in a caregiving role:

1. Biological parent
2. Legal Parent
3. Legal Guardian
4. Non-custodial parent with occasional or routine contact with a child
5. Parent substitute
6. Stepparent
7. Extended family member who provides care to the child
8. Unrelated person living in the same household as the child
9. Paramour/companion of parent

Relative:

“Relative” is used throughout this Policy and Procedures to refer to relatives who fall within the fifth (5th) degree of consanguinity to the child:

1. Grandparents
2. Great-grandparents
3. Aunts and Uncles, including spouses of aunts and uncles

4. Adult siblings
5. Nephews and nieces
6. First cousins
7. Children of first cousins

Fictive Kin:

“Fictive Kin” is used throughout this Policy and Procedures to refer to individuals that are unrelated by either birth or marriage, who have an emotionally significant relationship with another individual that take on the characteristics of a family relationship, some examples of fictive kin include:

1. Parents or relatives of half (½) siblings
2. Family members of relatives
3. Family friends
4. Neighbors
5. School teachers
6. Religious clergy

The key to determining if one qualifies as fictive kin is in understanding the strength of the relationship with the child and family in question and ensuring that it involves an emotional attachment that is healthy and supportive.

FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL (FPI) DOCUMENTS:

Conditions for Return within the Safety Plan Determination (in UNITY)
SPD-CFR Roadmap (FPI Library)

POLICY:**A. Conditions for Return (CFR)**

1. If, at the conclusion of a formal safety assessment (e.g., NIA, PCFA, PCPA), or any time there is a significant change in the family's circumstances, the Safety Plan Determination (SPD) results in a decision that an out-of-home Safety Plan is necessary to sufficiently manage child safety, the next immediate activity involves documentation of the Conditions for Return (CFR).
 - a. CFRs must encompass explicit statements detailing requirements for an in-home Safety Plan to be established, so that the child can be returned home.
 - b. Each CFR requires a justification as to why the SPD question was answered “no.”
2. Conditions for Return:
 - a. Any questions that were answered “no” in the SPD Analysis A questions and represent conditions that are necessary in order to answer that specific SPD analysis question in the affirmative which could then justify an in-home Safety Plan.
 - b. Describe the specific conditions that must exist for a child to live in their own home safely.
 - c. Must delineate what is required for a residence, the home environment, caregiver cooperation, willingness, capacity and ability for agreement and necessary safety management resources for an in-home Safety Plan to be put in place.
 - d. The CFR area includes justification statements that were added during the SPD about necessary safety management resources that include actions of responsible participants, other than caregivers, that are necessary to manage impending danger through an in-home Safety Plan.
 - i. Include the actions needed of Safety Service Providers which is required, but are not currently accessible and available, in order to implement an in-home Safety Plan.
 - e. Must identify specific conditions and circumstances that were determined to be insufficient at the time of Safety Planning in order to implement an in-home Safety Plan and must exist in order for:
 - i. An in-home Safety Plan to be implemented, and
 - ii. A child to be reunified with their parent/caregiver.

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