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SUBJECT:
 Case Plan Facilitation- Safety Management

Effective Date	Amendment Number	Amendment Effective Date
October 13, 2022	N/A	N/A

SCOPE:
 The DFS intervention with caregivers and families that requires Permanency Specialist direct safety service provision.

SPECIFIC LEGAL and OTHER REFERENCES:
 Case Plan Facilitation- Caregivers Policy and Procedures
 Case Plan Facilitation- Children Policy and Procedures
 Case Plan Facilitation- Supervision Policy and Procedures
 Confirming Safe Environments Instrument Policy and Procedures
 Family Court Process Policy and Procedures
[NAC 432B](#)
[NRS 432B](#)
 Placement Stability and Preservation Policy and Procedures
 Protective Capacity Progress Assessment Policy and Procedures
 Warrants Policy and Procedures

PROGRAMS IMPACTED:
 LifeSet
 Permanency

SUMMARY OF CHANGES:
 New Policy/Procedures Document
 Supersedes:

- Confirming Safe Environments Instrument Policy and Procedure (Effective: 01/05/2022)
 - Procedures III. Monthly Oversight A.1-3.
- In-home Services Policies and Documentation (Effective: 11/19/2008)
 - Section 4260.c. Ongoing Evaluation of Change in Safety/Risk Factors
 - Section 4290. Monitoring During In-home Services
 - Section 4410.d. Safety Planning
 - Section 4610.a. Frequency of Family Visits
 - Section 4810. The Removal Decision-Making Process
 - Section 4820. Minimizing the Effects of Separation and Loss When Entering Substitute Care
 - Section 4830. Gather Information About the Needs of the Child(ren)
 - Section 4860. CFT Meeting
 - Section 4870. Efforts to Achieve Early Reunification
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- Permanency Services Documentation (Effective: 10/1/2009)
 - Section 5210.c. Engagement With Out-of-Home Caregivers
 - Section 5420.d. Safety Planning
 - Section 5750. Support and Service for Out-of-Home Caregivers
- Permanency Services Policies and Procedures (Effective: 10/1/2009)
 - Section 5210.c. Engagement With Out-of-Home Caregivers
 - Section 5420.d. Safety Planning
 - Section 5750. Support and Service for Out-of-Home Caregivers

DEFINITIONS:

For a list of acronyms and a glossary of terms used throughout DFS refer to [Acronyms and Glossary](#) located on [DFSNet](#).

Case Plan Facilitation Safety Management:

Responsibilities associated with week-in and week-out safety intervention that occurs while permanency services are being provided. Refers to all that the Permanency Specialist does to ensure that children are safe and Safety Plans are sufficient while Case Plan Facilitation is occurring.

FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL (FPI) DOCUMENTS:

Background Check Office Placement Matrix (Maintained by Background Check Office)
Safety Plan (UNITY)

POLICY:

I. Safety Management during Case Plan Facilitation

- A. The Department of Family Services (DFS) provides safety oversight to all children receiving permanency services.
- B. The purpose of safety management is to ensure that children are safe using the most reasonable and least intrusive Safety Plan during permanency services, while Case Plan facilitation promotes and supports achievement of Case Plans and case outcomes.
- C. The Permanency Specialist may perform the responsibilities of safety management independently or collaboratively with a Safety Manager.
- D. Safety management during Case Plan facilitation includes:
 1. Communication with Safety Managers, Safety Service Providers, caregivers, and others involved in a Safety Plan, about the implementation and effectiveness of the Safety Plan;
 2. Oversight of Safety Plans related to participants, safety services, and schedules;
 3. Problem solving related to addressing barriers and disruptions to Safety Plans; and
 4. Safety planning, which includes revision of existing Safety Plans and continual evaluation of the least intrusive approach necessary to control impending danger.
- E. The objectives of safety management during permanency services are to:
 1. Manage the Safety Plan by assessing the sufficiency of the Safety Plan and safety services to control impending danger, and evaluating the caregiver's responsiveness to ensure that safety services are effective as intended;
 2. Implement routine and consistent service contacts with children as dictated by the Safety Plan;
 3. Involve and communicate with caregivers regarding Safety Plan implementation;

4. Maintain oversight with Safety Service Providers directly, or through the Safety Manager, on at least a regular, consistent basis to evaluate the sufficiency of the Safety Plan, and determine whether adjustments to more or less intrusiveness is warranted;
 5. Routinely communicate with Safety Service Providers and others involved in Safety Plans;
 6. Determine the suitability of Safety Service Providers;
 7. Ensure that Safety Plans are sufficient to control impending danger;
 8. Confirm that Safety Plans are implemented in accordance with how they were planned;
 9. Resolve disruptions and barriers which affect the effectiveness of Safety Plans; and
 10. Seek to reduce the intrusiveness of the Safety Plan, while ensuring children are protected and safe through the intervention selected.
- F. There are eleven (11) safety management decisions that Permanency Specialists evaluate during Case Plan facilitation. The decisions are:
1. Impending danger
 2. Implementation
 3. Objective of Safety Plan
 4. Construction of Safety Plan
 5. Effects of Safety Plan
 6. Participants
 7. Caregiver involvement
 8. Intrusiveness
 9. Conditions for Return (CFR) - development
 10. CFR - status
 11. Oversight

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