

Safety plans - address **immediate** family safety and help focus the family on long-range objectives.

- Safety plans are co-constructed with the family after building a consensus with family around what everyday family issues need to be addressed as well as individual issues that need to be addressed.
- The safety plan is in essence an precursor to the initial case plan.
- The initial safety plan generally outlines:
 - What is the general agreement for family safety?
 - What situations are likely to be difficult?
 - What is the plan for handling those situations?
 - How will the family know when to take emergency action? What will they do?
 - What is agreement about what to do after emergency action?
 - How will safety be monitored by the family, extended family, and those outside the family?
 - Consequences for not following the plan?
 - Signatures
- Safety plans are modified as needed with the help of the family and the providers who help develop the family action plans and can be incorporated into the family action plans that are created with the provider.
 - Important! Initial safety plans must be provided to providers at the time of referral so that the provider's knowledge of the child safety issues are reinforced and so that the provider can help the team incorporate or expand/ modify the plan as needed to assure child safety.