

BUTLER COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

POLICY NO.: 1.18	SUBJECT: SAFETY PLAN CREATION
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Create consistency with how safety plans are used across the agency
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2. Establish parameters for timeframes, action steps, roles and responsibilities, and re-assessing safety.

POLICY:

A safety plan is required when the protective capacities of the family cannot control current active safety threats and safety interventions must be implemented. The safety plan identifies specific activities to secure the safety of the child(ren), the person(s) responsible for each activity, how the activities will control the identified safety threats, and how the plan will be monitored.

PROCEDURE:

1. Action Steps: Describe specific activity(ies) necessary to protect the child(ren): Identify the specific activity(ies) that must occur to control the safety threat and to keep the child safe. Each action step must specify the child(ren) to whom the action step applies.

2. Timeframe/Duration: The safety plan is a specific and concrete control strategy implemented immediately when a family's protective capacities are not sufficient to manage the immediate threats of serious harm to a child.

- a) For cases receiving a traditional investigation, the safety plan will not be effective beyond the time the case is transferred for ongoing services.
- b) For cases investigated and/or receiving services through Alternative Response, a safety plan can be active throughout the time the case is open as Alternative Response. In the event of a pathway switch to traditional ongoing, the safety plan will not be effective beyond the case transfer.
- c) For cases receiving traditional ongoing services, a safety plan will not be effective beyond 10 days.

- d) In the event that the outcome of the case will result in a court filing/removal, a Family Team Meeting will be held in accordance with policy 2.1.

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