



Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Social Services
Child Welfare Section

Temporary Parental Safety Agreement
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Child Protective Services In-Home Services

- **Children remain in the home**
- **Ongoing assessment of the child's safety & risk level (low, moderate, or high) and well-being**
- **Monitor family progress toward the goals in the Family Services Agreement**
- **Frequency of client and collateral contact determined by risk level**
- **Case closes when risk level reduced & safety of the child is assured**
- **Occasionally seek court intervention when child safety cannot be assured**

Child Placement Services

Foster Care

- **When a child can no longer remain safely in the home**
- **Child is placed with relatives (including fictive kin), foster parents, or in a licensed facility**
- **Case is now supervised by the court**
- **Reunification with parents is typically the primary case plan goal**

Safety Assessment
(DSS-5231) Rev 1/17

**Temporary Safety
Provider**

Safety Intervention

Safe with a Plan

**Initial Safety Provider
Assessment (DSS-5203)**

Safety Planning Tool

The Safety Assessment (DSS-5231)



Types of Safety Interventions

- Resource Support
- Social Support
- Crisis Management
- Separation or restriction



A Temporary Parental Safety Agreement is a voluntary & short-term plan between a parent and a county child welfare agency during the assessment phase of a case if a child is in immediate danger in his or her own home because of a safety threat.

voluntary

short-term

during
assessment

immediate
danger



Temporary Parental Safety Agreements

- Sufficient to manage safety;
- Reasonably tailored to the allegations provided in the CPS report and the child safety issues that exist within the family;
- Immediately available so that it is capable of being in operation the same day it is created; and
- A plan that includes actions and goals that are specific and measurable.



Duration of Safety Agreements

- Temporary Parental Safety Agreements that include separation or restriction are allowed only during the assessment phase.
- This means a case cannot be transferred to In-Home Services if a Temporary Parental Safety Agreement involving separation or restriction is in effect and needs to remain in effect at the time of the case decision—without court intervention.



Court involvement necessary

- An agreement that ensures safety of the child(ren) cannot be made between the parent(s) and the county child welfare agency
- The Temporary Safety Provider recommended by the family lives in another state (unless there is a border agreement)
- A Temporary Parental Safety Agreement involving separation is in effect & needs to remain in effect at the time the case decision is made



Types of Petitions

- Abuse/Neglect/Dependency Petition

7B-302(c)

- Without non-secure custody
- With non-secure custody

- Interference Petition

7B-303(b)



Agency Objectives

- Focus on immediate safety issues
- Make separation a last resort
- Effectively plan to resolve safety concerns
- Pursue permanent solutions more timely