

MEETING DETAILS

Date & Time:

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Location:

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Child Safety Specialist's
Name & Phone:

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The Child Safety
Specialist
can provide:

- Transportation
- Interpreter

*(Please contact the
Child Safety Specialist
for specific needs)*



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Arizona Department of Child Safety

TEAM DECISION MAKING (TDM)

**Involving your family and
community in decisions
affecting your child**



**This is your family and your
attendance is important!
Decisions concerning your
child are necessary and your
opinion matters!**

WHAT IS TDM?

Team Decision Making or “TDM” is a meeting called by DCS to discuss your child’s safety and stability. A decision will be made to determine the best environment for your child to assure continued safety while DCS offers supports to your family.

This meeting brings people together who are involved with you and your child’s family. TDM meetings last about 2 hours.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Every parent, step-parent and guardian to each child should attend, and are encouraged to bring other supports such as:

- Boyfriend/girlfriend
- Relatives
- Friends, neighbors, caregivers or babysitters
- Members of your faith/spiritual community
- School contacts (teachers, principal, counselor)
- Therapist/counselor or others who work with you or your family



(substance abuse counselors, methadone/medication-assisted treatment clinician, probation/parole officer)

- Tribal or consulate representative
- Military command

Youth 12 years and older should also attend, if they are willing, able and it is appropriate.

The youth’s supports are also encouraged to attend:

- School contacts (counselors, teachers, coaches)
- Best friend(s) and their parents
- Youth’s faith/spiritual community
- Youth’s providers (counselors, behavioral coach, JPO)
- Extracurricular contacts (Girl/ Boy Scouts, club sports, music teachers, etc.)

The Child Safety Specialist and/or Supervisor will attend, and may also invite service providers or others who may be able to offer supports to your family.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE MEETING?

The TDM facilitator will guide group discussion regarding:

- Safety concerns regarding your child

- Your family’s strengths that lower risk of harm to your child
- Resources available to your family
- A plan for your child’s safety

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND?

You need to attend this meeting because:

- DCS needs to listen to what you have to say about your child and family
- Decisions will be made about your child

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

- To talk about your concerns and what is important to you
- To be treated with respect
- To invite supportive people to attend the meeting with you
- To identify relatives and other supports
- To provide information regarding past and present services

