

## Signs of Safety Assessment and Planning Form

WHAT ARE WE WORRIED ABOUT?

WHAT'S WORKING WELL?

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN?

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 means everyone knows the children are safe enough for the child protection authorities to close the case and zero means things are so bad for the children they can't live at home, where do we rate this situation? *(If different judgements place different people's number on the continuum).*

0 ← → 10

## Our Mission

Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society is a trusted ally to families, communities & cultures in creating safe, nurturing environments for children and youth to grow and succeed.



## We Value

- Safety
- Families
- Relationships
- Collaboration
- Being Open & Willing to Change



SIGNS OF SAFETY

# Family Meetings

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## *What Is A Signs Of Safety Meeting?*

Signs of Safety is an approach to child welfare work, created by Andrew Turnell and Steve Edwards.

Signs of Safety meetings help families and caregivers to work with the CAS and other services to keep children safe.

We think that families are experts about their own children and therefore essential in planning to improve the situation for their child or children.

## *Who Would Attend A Signs Of Safety Meeting?*

Anyone who cares about the child and their family can attend the meetings. This may include extended family members, friends, support services, etc.

The meeting will be led by a staff member from CAS.

## *What Happens At The Meeting?*

Everyone who attends a Signs of Safety meeting will have the chance to talk about three things:

What are we worried about in relation to the child and the family?

What is working well in the family?

What needs to happen to make sure the child is safe in the future?

The information that is shared by participants will be written, by the facilitator, on a white board so that everyone can see what is being recorded. Minutes from the meeting can be provided to you by your worker.

You will leave the meeting knowing what the 'Next Steps' are in working towards successfully ending your involvement with CAS.

## *Listening To The Children*

It is important that we hear from the children about what they are worried about, what makes them happy and what they need from their family and community to keep them safe.

If your child is too young to attend the meeting a worker may wish to meet with them to ask them their views.

## *What Is A Safety Plan?*

You should leave a Signs of Safety meeting with a safety plan developed or a plan on how to complete one with your supports.

A safety plan works out how to make sure a child is kept safe and who can help with that. Anyone who is important to the child or the family can be included in the plan. CAS needs to agree to the safety plan.