



*This is your family
Your opinion matters*

Meeting Details

Date and Time:

Location:

Reason for meeting:

Caseworker information:

Name:

Phone:

The Office of Children's Services works in partnership with families and communities to support the well-being of Alaska's children and youth. Services will enhance families' capacities to give their children a healthy start, to provide them with safe and permanent homes, to maintain cultural connections and to help them realize their potential.



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TEAM DECISION MAKING

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

Decisions concerning your child are important.
Our goal is to make the best possible decision
for your child. Your opinion matters.



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What is a Team Decision Meeting (TDM)?

A team decision making meeting or “TDM” is a meeting called by an OCS caseworker to discuss decisions concerning your child.

The purpose is to bring together people involved with you and your child’s family to make the best decisions possible concerning your child and to help ensure that a network of support is there for you, your children, and the people who may care for them.

TDMs are scheduled whenever there are safety concerns for a child, or a need to discuss a possible placement change.



Who participates?

You are encouraged to participate with anyone you feel will be supportive to you. This could include relatives, friends, neighbors, tribal and community members. The OCS caseworker, their supervisor and the TDM facilitator will also be there. Youth are also encouraged to participate if they are willing and developmentally appropriate for the discussion. It is considered to be in their best interest. Depending on the situation, other participants may include resource families, caregivers, therapists, service providers and legal parties.

What happens at the TDM?

The TDM facilitator will guide the meeting with the goal of reaching a consensus. A TDM facilitates live decision making after discussion regarding the child’s needs, your family’s strengths and needs, resources available and a plan to meet these needs.

Why is it important to participate in the TDM?

Your attendance at this meeting is important in order for your voice to be heard in making decisions about your child.

You are the expert on your own family.

You can express your feelings about the situation and options.

It is an opportunity to involve anyone supportive to you or your child.

To provide information regarding past or present services.

To express your concerns and what is important to you.

