



Risk Management Plan

This job aid is to help you understand the information that is necessary to provide CPS professionals to determine if the risk management plan is working or if revisions are needed.

A risk management plan is required when the behaviors of the child placed in the out-of-home care setting or a child already living in the setting may be dangerous to themselves, &/or other children and youth. When there is an identified risk, a risk management plan must be included in the case record. **If a risk management plan is not working, call the CPS professional.**

Risk Management Plans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include strategies to mitigate specific risk between children • Help the caregiver, caseworker and youth agree upon a plan to ensure the environment is safe for everyone • Are monitored to see the plan is being carried out and working • Should be continually reviewed and updated as needed

Before You Go to the Visit

Checklist to Prepare for an Out-of-Home Care Visit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with the CPS professional • Have pen and paper with you to take notes • Have the appropriate contacts and phone numbers to call with immediate concerns • Review the <i>Developmental Ages & Stages</i>, <i>Red Flags for Danger</i>, <i>Placement Danger Threats</i>, and <i>Checklist for Out-of-Home Care Visits Job Aids</i> 	
Potential Information Sources	What to Know Before You Go
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation with CPS professional • Documents (verify if in eWiSACWIS or elsewhere): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face contact case notes (prior month or more) with the child, parents, and caregiver • Current Caregiver Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths tool • Case Plan • Most recent Safety Plan or Protective Plan • Current Risk Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do I understand all the people who live in the household/setting (all adults and children)? • Do I understand what is currently being done in this case? • Do I understand what the Risk Management Plan is designed to address? • What are the strategies, supports, and/or actions in the Risk Management Plan? • What is the caregiver’s role in providing the necessary oversight described in the plan? • What services are being provided?

At the Out-of-Home Care Visit



Talk to the caregivers and child to be certain the risk management plan is working.

- Ask about each step.
- Ensure the behaviors of others in the facility are not a concern for the child’s safety.
- Are there any additional supports the caregivers or youth would recommend?

Take the information back to the CPS professional in the case note unless there is an immediate concern.

If there is an immediate concern, contact the CPS professional.

Risk Management Planning EXAMPLES

Strategy	Aggressive Behavior	Sexualized Behavior	Other (substance use/mental health disorder, or concerning behaviors)
Additional or Special Training for Placement Providers	Caregivers will attend upcoming session on learning de-escalation techniques.	Caregivers will learn about appropriate sexual growth and development. This will be accomplished by participating in an upcoming web series.	Caregivers will read provided materials to understand signs and symptoms of illicit drug usage. Caregivers will attend training specific to child’s substance use /mental health disorder and learn what this may look like behaviorally for the child; learn triggers, signs to look for when under the influence, teach caregiver coping skills to deal with behaviors.
Additional contact by agency or providers	Crisis Stabilizer: Worker will have a daily check-in at school with child to assess temperament so can plan for any needed adjustments or supports.	Caregivers will transport child to weekly play therapy to address issues of sexual abuse.	Child will participate in weekly drug screens For mental health issues: child will participate in regular therapy
Re-Arrange Living Arrangements	Caregivers will assure that all items that could readily be used as weapons (e.g. knives) are not accessible to the youth.	Caregivers will assure that the child does not share a bedroom with any other children in the home. House rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bedtimes will be staggered • only one person allowed in the bathroom at a time • bedroom doors remain wide open when more than one child is in the room • individual’s bedrooms are off limits to other children • additional supervision when more than one child in a room 	Care providers will assure that any alcohol/medications in the home are not accessible to the child.

Other	Caregivers provided after hours number to contact if crisis arises.	<p>Child will not be alone with male caregiver. Male caregiver will not transport child on his own.</p> <p>Strategic Seating: caregivers will assure child does not travel in car next to other vulnerable children; will be in caregivers' view.</p>	<p>Caregivers will maintain knowledge of where and with whom the child is associating.</p> <p>Caregivers will provide therapeutic tools (stress ball, soothing music, etc.) as requested by therapist.</p>
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Documentation



Document your home visit: <i>Check with the CPS professional for direction on where to document the information specific to the risk management plan. You will need to include:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Date, time, and duration of the visit <input type="checkbox"/> Participants involved <input type="checkbox"/> Location of the visit	<input type="checkbox"/> Purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm you spoke to the child in private <input type="checkbox"/> Information gathered <input type="checkbox"/> Tasks completed