







Early Intervention Referral Project


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Initial Notification to FaCS




Why make referrals here?

- May be assessed as 'Risk of Significant Harm' (ROSH)
- Possible Caseworker visit
- Earliest opportunity to engage with support services




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Any face to face meeting with FaCS Caseworker




Why make referrals here?

- ROSH – Immediate safety concerns for child
- Safety & Risk Assessment phase begins
- Engagement necessary to ensure safety of child



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3 FaCS refers case to family support service



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Why make referrals here?

- Risk to child identified
- Assessed as needing external support to lower risk or increase safety



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4 FaCs starts Case Plan



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Why make referrals here?

- Immediate safety not addressed without case plan – Child is safe with plan
- Level of Risk of Harm – High/Very High
- Increased risk of Court Application for removal
- Closer monitoring scrutiny of action required
- Risk of removal for non-compliance
- Drug testing likely to occur
- Counselling referral likely



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5 Temporary Care Agreements – (TCA)



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Why make referrals here?


- Child in need of care and protection
- Parent voluntarily relinquishes care temporarily
- Parent need further time/support
- Advocacy for Family Group Conferencing/Kinship care arrangements
- High risk of court application for more permanent removal if nil improvement/insight
- Limits of number of TCA's available to family



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6 Parent Responsibility Contracts (PRC)


Parent Capacity Orders (PCO)
Registered Care Plans (RCP)
Parent Capacity Assessment (PCA)



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Why make referrals here?

- Child in need of care and protection in relation to PCO only
- Legal intervention required to/improve parental capacity
- These legal devices are not used enough and need to be advocated for in appropriate cases
- While legalistic and complex, they offer parents an opportunity to avoid care and protection applications & child removal
- Must demonstrate child focussed in sight and improvement in parenting capacity



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