



### Contact information

The Child Safety Officer's name is	
The Child Safety Service Centre is	
The contact number is	
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## Intervention with Parental Agreement

### Information for parents



## Why is the Department Involved?

The Department has recently visited you and your family to talk about the safety and well being of your child/ren. From this visit, the Department believes that you and your family may benefit from some help to meet these needs. Intervention with Parental Agreement is a way of working together to help you and your family find ways to keep your children safe at home.

## Intervention with Parental Agreement

Intervention with Parental Agreement:

- is a voluntary agreement to work with the Department
- aims to develop a plan to help you meet the care and protection needs of your child/ren
- does not involve a court order; you will keep custody of your child/ren.

Intervention with Parental Agreement is different for every family and depends on the needs of your family. Usually it will be for less than 12 months.

## Where will my child/ren stay?

Intervention with Parental Agreement means that your child/ren will stay at home with you.

If your child/ren are not living at home, they will stay where they normally live while you and your family are working with the Department.

However, sometimes your child/ren may need to stay with an approved carer for a short time while you and your family work with the Department. This is called a Child Protection Care Agreement and a Child Safety Officer will provide you with more information if needed.

## What happens next?

A Child Safety Officer will ask you, your family and any other significant persons to go to a face-to-face meeting called a Family Group Meeting to work out a plan that will:

- list the goals you, your family and the Department think are important to achieve
- list what you, your family and the Department can do to meet these goals
- link you with services and agencies that may help you and your family meet these goals.

A Child Safety Officer will meet with you regularly to support you in meeting your goals. This may happen in your home, the Child Safety Service Centre, or somewhere else that you and the Department agree to.

The Department will revise the plan with you and your family at least every six months and you will be asked to keep on working with the Department until the goals of the plan are met.

## Who can I talk to for further information?

You can ask your Child Safety Officer about anything you do not understand about an Intervention with Parental Agreement.



## What options do I have?

If you change your mind about working with the Department or cannot meet the agreed goals of the plan and there are still child protection concerns about your child/ren, the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Child Protection Order. A Child Safety Officer will talk to you about this before an application is made to the court.