



Family Interaction Plan General Roles and Responsibilities

Carefully planned family interaction is a powerful family reunification intervention tool. Family interaction can help implement many essential family reunification goals, including:

- Maintaining the parent, child, and sibling relationships,
- Learning and practicing parenting skills,
- Helping family members work through issues and connect to resources, and
- Documenting progress towards reunification goals.

Role of the DHS Worker

- Responsible for ensuring that a written family interaction plan is developed and revised with input from the family team,
- Abide by the *Family Interaction Standards* (Comm. 435),
- Work with the child and parent to help resolve setbacks in the family interaction plan, and
- Stress to all that safety is sole responsibility of the parent.

Role of the Parent

- Ensure safety and well-being of the children,
- Attend family interaction as scheduled and engage in discussion regarding progress and concerns observed in their interactions,
- Call in advance to cancel,
- Be receptive to guidance provided during interactions, and
- Follow family interaction plan.

Role of the Caregiver

Caregivers can be foster parents, resource families, relatives, kinship, suitable others, etc.

- Participate in the family interaction planning process,
- Communicate the daily activities and progress of the child,
- Collaborate with the family team and support the reunification process, and
- Recognize and understand separation and loss and how it affects child well-being.

Role of the Provider

- Abide by the *Family Interaction Standards* (Comm. 435),
- Support and communicate to the parent, caregiver, child, and DHS worker to ensure that family interaction occurs in a safe manner,
- Ensure families are aware of their responsibilities within family interaction planning, and
- Assist families in overcoming barriers to meeting the family interaction goals.



Family Interaction Plan

Background Information

Children's names

Date of initial plan

Placed with

Placement date for children

Why were the children removed from the home?

Safety Concerns

1.

2.

3.

Family Interaction Plan (Based on developmental needs of the children and safety concerns.)

Types of Interaction	Frequency	Length of Interaction	Locations	Types of Supervision	Supervised By	Date Reviewed

Goals to be Accomplished During Family Interaction

Desired Behavioral Changes	Demonstrated By	Date Accomplished or Revised

Transportation (Describe how transportation will be provided.)

Expectations of the Family Interaction (To be completed at initial family team decision-making meeting.)

Any behaviors that provide an unsafe situation may terminate a family interaction.