



Benefits of a TDM

- Improves quality of decisions—more information, more ideas
- Involves and gives a voice to families, caregivers, service providers and community
- People and places important to the youth are acknowledged and respected
- Children are more likely to remain in their communities, neighborhoods and schools



Your Team Decision-Making Meeting

We appreciate your willingness to participate in short notice and arrive at the meeting on time

Date:

Time:

Location:

Social Worker:

Telephone Number:

*Questions about Team Decision-Making?
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TEAM DECISION- MAKING MEETINGS (T D M s)



Involving family and
community in foster
care placement
decisions

What is a TDM?

- A TDM brings together people who are involved with the family to make a decision about the care and placement of the youth
- Focuses on keeping the youth safe while preserving family and community connections



When are TDMs held?

A TDM can help make decisions about:

- Removing a youth from his or her home
- Changing a youth 's foster or relative placement
- Returning a youth home



What happens in the meeting?

- Team members introduce themselves
- Ground rules are discussed
- Reasons for having meeting are explained
- Together, team members identify:
 - Safety needs of youth
 - Family strengths
 - Community resources
 - A plan for the youth 's immediate safety
 - Placement options
- Decision about placement is made
- Meetings are 1 to 2 hours



Who attends the meeting?

- Parents/Guardians
- Youth (as appropriate)
- Foster parents/Relative Caregivers
- Extended family members
- Other support people identified by parents/youth
- Service providers
- Community representatives
- CWS staff



Guidelines for an effective TDM

All participants should:

- Contribute to the meeting, being honest and respectful
- Have the opportunity to be heard
- Express what they are willing to do and make commitments
- Honor the privacy of others
- Focus on the safety needs of the youth