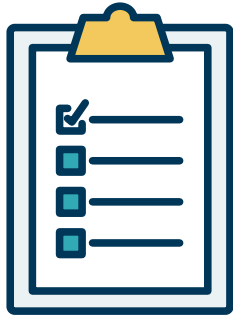




## PREPARING FOR MEETINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT



- >> There are different kinds of meetings that may be held with the Department - you may hear of:
- **Monthly Review Meetings**
  - **30 day review meetings**
  - **Signs of Safety Meetings**
  - **Care Plan Meetings**
  - **Stability and Connection Meetings or Permanency Planning Meetings**

### >> What is the purpose of Signs of Safety Meetings?

*The Department uses a 'Signs of Safety Framework' for making decisions about your family.*

It is a way for everyone to be clear; what the Department is worried about, and what needs to happen to keep your children safe. It is an opportunity for you to have a say and talk about what you think needs to happen for your children.

It can also provide you with steps to take, to improve the situation.

The Signs of Safety Meetings do not only happen once. They can be held regularly to update what has changed and to show progress.

### >> How can I be prepared for meetings?

- Be prepared to listen to what the Department are worried about
- Think about your own worries, and what needs to happen to keep your children safe
- Think about what's working well, and what changes have already happened to keep children safe
- Think about your ideas for what could happen next
- You can ask other people to attend any meetings; such as friends, family or support workers who can offer positive input.

**The information from the meetings should be written down on a white board during the meeting, then typed up and sent to everyone who attended the meeting**

