

# **NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

## **Technical Assistance Site Report**

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## Technical Assistance

NRCCPS technical assistance has involved the development and revision of safety intervention policy. The request for technical assistance is associated with the PIP strategies for the Safety Outcome(s): 1 and 2 of the Children and Family Services Review.

## Site Visit

In preparation for the July site visit, a second draft of safety policy was written in accordance with feedback and proposed edits recommended by the Safety Advisory Panel. The policy draft further took into consideration possible changes in the approach to safety intervention and the model design, which included safety assessment and planning documentation.

The fourth TA site visit occurred on July 26, 2005. Participating in the site visit meeting was Todd Holder, from the NRCCPS, and individuals from the Safety Advisory Panel. The purpose for the site visit was to review the safety policy draft, to discuss documentation requirements for safety and to consider issues related to implementing changes to the existing policy.

The following specific items were discussed during the site visit:

- Documentation requirements for the immediate protective plan;
- Documentation requirements for the safety assessment and plan;
- Consistency of safety concepts, definitions and decision-making standards;
- Modification of Colorado's standard safety concerns;
- Revising the design of the Colorado safety assessment and analysis;
- Supervisory expectations for overseeing and consulting on safety practice and decision-making;
- Requirements for safety intervention during ongoing CPS; and
- Implications for implementing the revised safety policy, including issues associated with staff development.

## Next Steps

- Prepare a third draft of safety policy based on additional feedback and edits from the Safety Advisory Panel.
- Develop definitions for Colorado's 16 standard safety concerns.
- Draft modifications to the Colorado Safety Assessment format.
- The Safety Advisory Panel is scheduled to reconvene on September 8, 2005.