

### **Present Danger Plan**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe in detail how present danger is occurring within the family, including when (time of day), under what circumstances, what other influences are involved, and caregivers access to the child (ren).

Describe in detail the protective actions, tasks, or services selected to control present danger and how those actions will control present danger. Include names and contact information regarding person(s) responsible for performing the protective actions, tasks, or services.

Explain how the Present Danger Plan providers have Emotional, Cognitive, and Behavioral Protective Capacities to perform necessary protective duties.

Anticipated time frame of the plan:

Explain in detail how Child Protection Services will monitor this plan.

We have discussed the Present Danger Plan with the Family Services Specialist and approved the selection of the Present Danger Plan providers. We understand the Present Danger Plan contents, that it is voluntary, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the plan. If something happens which prevents us from carrying out the plan, we will immediately notify the Family Services Specialist. If the Family Services Specialist is unavailable, we will notify the Family Services Specialist Supervisor. We understand that failure to agree to the plan or carry out the plan may result in a reassessment of my home and potential referral for court action. I will then have the opportunity to plead my case in court.

I am/am not (circle one) enrolled or have reason to believe I am eligible for enrollment in the \_\_\_\_\_ tribe in South Dakota.

I request that the South Dakota Division of Child Protection Services notifies/does not notify (circle one) the ICWA office of the tribe identified above.

(Ensure all Present Danger Plan providers sign the form.)

_____	Date	_____	Date
Parent/Caregiver		Parent/Caregiver	
_____	Date	_____	Date
Present Danger Plan Provider		Present Danger Plan Provider	

I have discussed the attached Present Danger Plan and the consequences of non compliance with the parents/caregivers and those who are responsible for carrying out the plan. I have their agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of the plan.

_____	Date	_____	Date
Family Services Specialist		Family Services Specialist Supervisor	
Phone: _____		Phone: _____	

Emergency contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CPS USE</b>			
Central Registry	_____	_____	_____
Home Check	_____	_____	_____
Local Law Enforcement	_____	_____	_____
Sex Offender Check	_____	_____	_____
Attachment Given to Provider	_____	_____	_____
PDP Sent to ICWA Program	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

Services provided to support Present Danger Plan: (example ~ groceries, transportation, utilities)  
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## **Frequently Asked Questions for Present Danger Plan Providers**

### **What is a Present Danger Plan?**

A Present Danger Plan is an immediate, short term plan to keep the child(ren) safe when they have been identified as being in danger because of the actions of their caretaker(s). A Present Danger Plan is an alternative to placing children in foster care and is developed with the input from the child(ren)'s caretakers. By agreeing to the plan, you are committing to keeping the child(ren) safe while the Family Services Specialist learns more information by completing an Initial Family Assessment with the family. An Initial Family Assessment is a neutral approach for gathering information in response to a report of child abuse or neglect.

Family, friends, and/or neighbors can be part of the plan. The Department of Social Services may have other resources available to offer support throughout the Present Danger Plan.

### **What are the goals of a Present Danger Plan?**

The goal of a Present Danger Plan is to work together to keep the child(ren) safe and placing them with people they know.

### **What if I change my mind after agreeing to the Present Danger Plan?**

If you have concerns with the Present Danger plan or your ability to follow through with the tasks of the plan, contact the Family Services Specialist immediately. If the plan isn't followed, the agency will need to make other arrangements.

### **Can Present Danger Plan change?**

Yes, The Present Danger Plan may change as additional or new information is learned and a less intrusive plan can be put in place, the plan can no longer ensure the safety of the child or the parent(s) no longer consent to the present danger plan.

### **What if my household members have changed since I agreed to the plan?**

The Department of Social Services is required to ensure everyone in your household is agreeable to the plan. If the children are in your home on a 24/7 plan this will include completing background checks on all household members to ensure continues safety of the child(ren). Please alert the Family Services Specialist to any changes in your household during the course of the Present Danger Plan. Failure to alert the Family Services Specialist may cause significant changes in the plan.

### **What if I need assistance to meet the demands of the Present Danger Plan and the needs of the children?**

Because the Present Danger plan is a voluntary plan and the child(ren) are not in the protective custody of the Department of Social Services, financial assistance is not directly available from Child Protection Services. Despite this, please let the Family Services Specialist know if any of the following situations *may prohibit* you from maintaining your commitment as a Present Danger Plan provider.

The Department of Social Services may be able to refer you to resources, or in some cases, provide services directly to you that can help you maintain your role as a provider such as:

- Child Care Assistance/Day Care
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Food
- Transportation Assistance/Gasoline
- Housing Concerns
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Finances
- Any other item/need that may prevent you from providing care

### **When will the Present Danger Plan end?**

The Present Danger Plan is short term. The Present Danger Plan will end when the Initial Family Assessment is completed and a determination is made that the children can be safely returned to the home or needs to enter legal custody with Child Protection Services. If safety continues to be a concern, you may be asked to be a resource for the family.

Communication between you and the Family Services Specialist is of utmost importance and you need to notify the Family Services Specialist of any questions or concerns you may have.

The Family Services Specialist must review the Present Danger Plan weekly to see if the plan remains sufficient and address areas of concern until the IFA is completed.

In some cases, as a Present Danger Plan provider, you may be asked to participate in a Rapid Response Meeting.

### **What are Rapid Response Meetings?**

After implementation of a Present Danger Plan, the Department of Social Services may hold a Rapid Response meeting with all Present Danger Plan members to ensure the plan is managing present danger and the providers-are being supported. The meetings typically occur every two weeks; however, this can change depending on the dynamics and needs of all the team members. At any time, you can request a meeting through the Family Services Specialist. The Present Danger Plan may be altered at these meetings if needed and agreed upon by all team members.