

# What to Say at Your Child Safety Conference

There are many aspects of a Child Safety Conference you can't control. But the more you've thought through what you want to say the better. This worksheet can help you plan what you want to say at your conference—and what you don't want to say. You should also get advice from your legal team before the conference, and ask for a social worker or parent advocate to attend the conference with you.

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What do you want the people at the conference to understand about all the ways you care for your child?

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What about the allegations against you are wrong? How can you explain what happened? **It is difficult to know what to share and not share about the allegations against you, so it is important to talk to your lawyer and social worker about this issue before the conference.**

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How can you show that you've already taken steps or are willing to take steps to address the safety concerns about you, whether or not you agree with them? What are some changes you are willing to make or services you are willing to participate in?

**Again, this is an important issue to talk to your lawyer and social worker about before the conference.**

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What kinds of support or services do you truly believe would benefit your family?

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Do you have a specific place you would like your child to live if ACS decides to remove your child from you?