

## Who Will Work with My Family?

- **Judges:** Commit to improving outcomes for children by using a child-focused, collaborative team approach.
- **Court Coordinators:** Provide support and guidance to ensure children and family's needs are being addressed.
- **Attorneys/Guardian Ad Litem (GALs):** Represent their clients' best interests before the court.
- **Department of Children's Services (DCS):** Perform case management duties to ensure children are safe, healthy, and back on track for success.
- **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA):** Offer recommendations to the court based on the child's best interests.
- **Community Partners:** Provide services and help families in making successful changes and achieving permanency.
- **Foster Parents/Relative Caregivers:** To achieve goals, provide support, and reach permanency.

## Who is On My Team?

Your DCS Case Manager

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Attorney

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Attorney (Guardian Ad Litem)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Safe Baby Court Coordinator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your next child and family team meeting will be

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Your next Juvenile Court hearing will be

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_



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**Strengthening and  
empowering families  
to ensure their babies  
are safe and healthy.**



## How Does this Program Benefit My Family?

- Increased visitation with your child and integrated family team meetings.
- Access to family-centered treatment.
- Children have a better chance of success when families are together.
- Access to experts in child development.
- Increased and specialized court hearings to review progress and ensure needs are being met.
- Support put in place to ensure continued success after the court case closes.

## Why the Mental Health of Your Baby Matters

- A baby needs attachment, bonding, and engagement with their parents for healthy development.
- Traumatic events in early childhood can lead to depression, heart disease, cancer, alcoholism, and drug abuse.
- Supporting and strengthening infants and families can make a positive impact on future generations to come.
- Parents can make the difference in healthy brain development for their infant.

## Who We Are

This is a specialized court program that was established for infants and toddlers (birth through 3 years of age). This program strives to connect families with their communities and provide a strong foundation for infant mental health.

Safe Baby Court coordinates community resources, services, and long term supports with families during a critical time in infant brain development.

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