INTRO TO CHILD SAFETY CONFERENCES (CSC)

1. We would like to begin our time together by reminding everyone that the purpose of this conversation is to provide a place for us to think together about what we can do to keep this child(ren) safely at home with his/her parent (if the child is already removed then the language is adjusted to communicate that the goal is to return the child home as quickly as possible). We want to do whatever we can to avoid removal (or return the child home as quickly as possible) while keeping the child safe.
	1. Our goal is to leave this meeting with a plan that can accomplish this goal as quickly and safely as possible.
		1. We may need to be creative to achieve this goal, so please know that you have permission to think outside of the box.
		2. To show our commitment to this, you will notice one of our administrators is attending this conference. SWA/SAM is here to make sure that we are thinking creatively towards our goal. SWA/SAM may also be able to help us remove any obstacle that might arise, if needed.
	2. If we are not able to accomplish this goal then our next goal is to think together about what loving and caring adult, who already has a strong relationship with this child(ren) would be able to care for the child(ren) temporarily, until the child can be return to his or her parent. This is our plan B.
2. One of my roles as the facilitator is to ensure that everyone at this meeting has a voice in this process so if you are having trouble jumping into the conversation just make eye contact with me and I will make sure your voice is heard.