

Return Home



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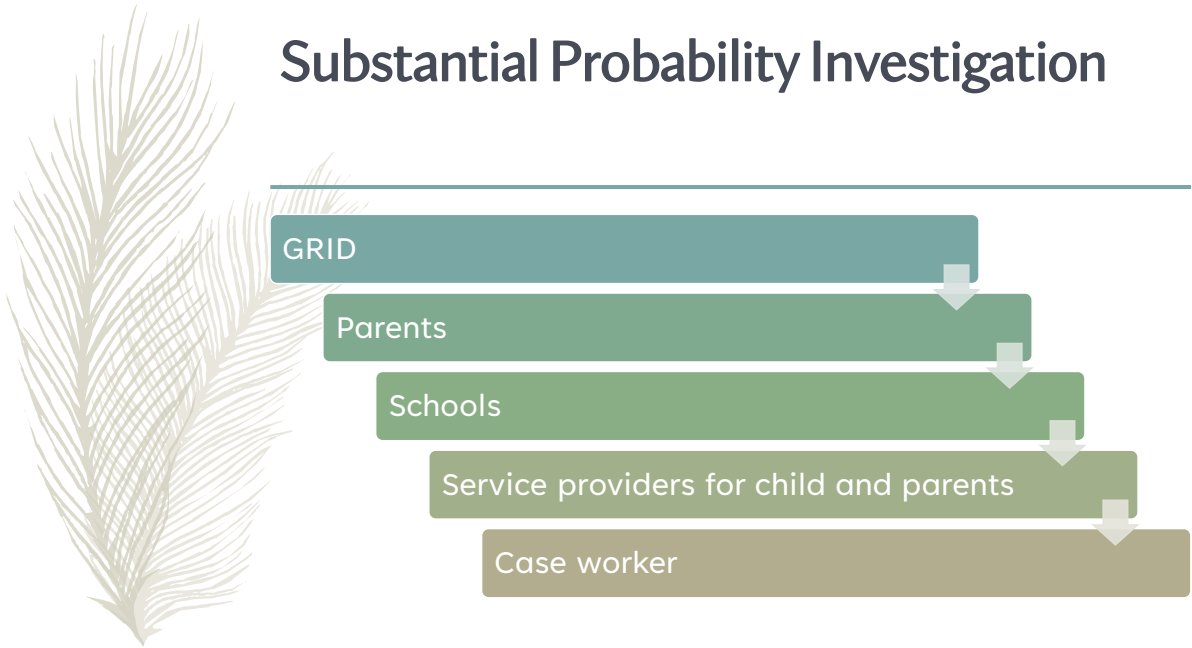


Why the first question to ask is:

Can return home happen and how soon?

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Substantial Probability Investigation



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Safety

Kids don't need perfect parents – they need safe and nurturing parents.

<https://www.coloradochildrep.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/CO-Family-Safety-Assessment-FINAL.pdf>



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Safety Planning

Be creative – How can you support a safe transition home.

- Supportive family members or friends who can provide supervision
- Daycare to give parent respite
- In home service provider to do hands on support of parenting within the home.
- Communicate with and involve parent's treatment providers
- Ask for feedback – what are some creative ways that you have safety planned.

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Counsel for Youth Safety Planning May Be Even More Creative



CLIENT
COUNSELING



PLANNING WITH
YOUR CLIENT



CONFIDENTIALITY

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Return Home ≠ Case Closure

Why should the transition home be separate from case closure?

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Special Considerations

ICWA – Removal or placement of an Indian Child under State law must terminate immediately when the removal or placement is no longer necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the child. 25 USCA 1916

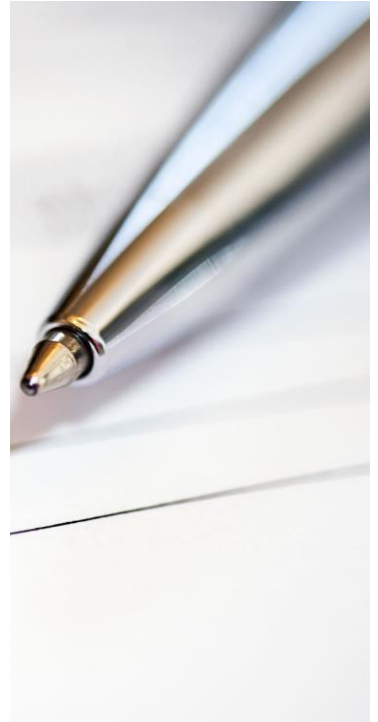
ADA – Reasonable accommodations and modifications that can provide for child's safety in the home should be made to support a parent's disability is alleged to impact the health or welfare of their child. C.R.S. 24-34-805

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Case Closure – Vacate or APR?

Considerations:

- Are parents an intact couple?
- Has domestic violence been a concern?
- Has high conflict been a concern?
- Have both parents completed the treatment necessary to safely parent?
- Has one parent been completely absent?



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