

PERMANENCY PLANNING CONFERENCE MEETING - GROUND RULES

Michigan Department of Human Services

- The confidentiality of information shared at the Permanency Planning Conference (PPC) meeting is not guaranteed. Information gathered during the meeting may be used for case planning, in subsequent court proceedings, and to fulfill reporting and investigation duties regarding new allegations of abuse or neglect.
- The time frame for the meeting is 1 to 1 ½ hours.
- All participants must be treated with dignity and respect through the meeting process.
- One person will speak at a time.
- Every person will have the chance to speak and ask questions of other participants.
- All participants and invitees must speak openly and honestly with each other.
- The goal is for participants to reach a consensus on the issues involved. However, DHS retains the responsibility and duty to make a decision or recommendation if a consensus is not reached.
- PPC meetings must remain a safe environment for all participants at all times.
- All participants and invitees must conduct themselves appropriately.
- Please place your cell phone on vibrate or turn it off for the duration of the meeting.
- “Side-bar” conversations (whispering to your neighbor or passing notes) are prohibited during the PPC.

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