For more information on:

Children’s Protective Services

Department of Human Services Specialist

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Helping Families to help themselves.
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- Siblings
- Clergy
- Tribal Elders
- Anyone else the family considers important to them and their children

How can DHS help you?

- Community Resources
- Home Safety
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Who is my baby safe with when I am away?

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Checklist

Is my home as safe as it can be for my children?

- Are there working smoke detectors in the home?
- Are dangerous household chemicals out of children’s reach? (Up high or in cabinets with childproof locks)
- Are lead painted surfaces washed with a damp cloth often?
- Are my children safe from stairways?
- How do I keep my children safe from electric outlets?
- Do open windows have screens to prevent children from falling?
- Is there a safe, smoke free area for my children to play?
- Do my children have a safe sleeping area?
- Do babies have a safe sleeping area at night? (safe crib without pillows, soft toys, or bumper pads)
- Do babies have sleeper pajamas?

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- How do they keep your baby safe around water? (Bathtubs, ponds, swimming pools etc.)
- What do they do when your baby cries? (Please don’t shake the baby)

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Safety

- Working smoke detectors
- Keep dangerous chemicals, matches and lighters out of reach
- Safe Sleeping area for children
- Smoke free play area
- Lock up all guns

Parenting

- Focus on child’s needs
- Give positive directions
- Give lots of praise
- Give lots of hugs
- Take a break
- Take care of yourself

Family Independence Specialist

Family Independence Specialists (FIS) know that you want what is best for your family and have access to experts in many areas of family support. FIS help families with things like:

- Cash assistance, food assistance, and medical assistance
- Child development and care assistance
- Emergency needs
- Housing and homemaking
- Money management
- Improving family nutrition
- Connection to support groups

Solutions

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