

What is the optimal decision making plan for the safety and well being of the child in this family?

Safety Issues

Decision Making Issues

Parents' Decision Making

IPV

There are issues of IPV that affect the parents' ability to make joint decisions

Child's Vulnerabilities

The child requires third party professionals to address vulnerabilities (emotional, educational, medical, etc.)

Involvement with Professionals

One or both parents has not followed through with suggestions of third party professionals

Child Abuse

There are issues of child abuse and/or risk of abuse that affect the parents' ability to make joint decisions

Major vs Minor Decisions

Decisions include only minor issues given that the parents agree on all major decisions

Disagreement about Major Decisions

The parents disagree about major decisions impacting the child (education, religion, medical)

Mental Health

There are issues of mental health issues that affect the parents' ability to make joint decisions

Ages and Stages

The child's age and stage requires significant parent's involvement in decision making

Communication

The parents are unable to communicate to resolve issues

Substance Abuse

There are substance issues that affect the parents' ability to make joint decisions

Child's Perspective

The child's views and preferences influence the decision making

Gatekeeping

Parental gatekeeping (facilitative or restrictive) affects decision making