Sample Questions To Help Child Welfare and Court Teams Catch Moments To Protect Children and Support Forever Families*

1. Does this child feel safe, special, and loved?

- 2. Has this child's health (*ABCDE) **and** child welfare/trauma histories been shared with their doctors and therapists? *Allergies/ bottles (formula/medications)/ conditions / doctors/ equipment, etc.
- How is this child feeling and functioning are they free of pain and distress? playing? connecting? learning? Managing basic needs?
- 4. Are adults compassionate and attune to supporting the child's trauma and grief?
- 5. Is this child receiving timely, needed and required health care, including care a child outside of foster care would receive for similar conditions? If not, why not?

- 6. Are caregivers feeling safe in their home and informed and supported by child welfare?
- If the child is moving soon, do they know?
 What are the plans for continuing health care treatment without delays?
- 8. When this child struggles with changes, what supports are prepared for the child and family?
- 9. How was today's information gathered by the informant? Do they need support in the process?
- 10. If something unsafe has happened or nearly happened, can we convene a multidisciplinary case review to improve safety processes?



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