Safety Planning and Prevention (609.4)

Safety planning and prevention includes items or services that reduce risk or danger to help keep the participant safe in their homes and communities. Safety planning and prevention services assists participants who, without such supports, are experiencing or likely to experience safety-related challenges at home or in the community as a result of their disability, trauma, behavioral, social, or emotional issues.

Safety planning and prevention services is appropriate for a variety of emergency preparedness situations, including but not limited to dangerous behaviors, natural disasters, community events, and in-home safety. This service includes:

- Safety needs identification and plan development
- Safety plan implementation and monitoring

A safety plan includes action steps to implement unique strategies or specific protocols that address identified risk factors and/or behaviors of concern and maintain optimal health. The plan focuses on being mindful, family- and participant-centered, and trauma-informed, while supporting the child or youth in the most integrated manner possible. Individualized safety plans should enhance the family and other CLTS Waiver Program providers’ ability to keep the child safe and included in their home and community.

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Family/Unpaid Caregiver Supports and Services (113.2)

Family/Unpaid Caregiver Supports and Services provides education, training, and support to an unpaid caregiver of a participant that increases confidence, stamina, and empowerment to support and care for the participant. This service may help an unpaid caregiver to:

• Understand the disability of the participant
• Achieve greater competence and confidence in providing support
• Develop and access community and other resources and supports
• Develop or enhance key parenting strategies
• Increase methods for coping and learn techniques to manage challenges.

This service includes, but is not limited to … training, instruction, or support provided in a participant’s home, community, or other appropriate locations … and may also provide supports to unpaid caregivers in the areas of:

• Behavior and communication
• Community inclusion and wellness
• Emotional support and stress management
• Family dynamics and parenting