



True North Training

Your roadmap to sustainable practice

F1: Roles in Real-World Case Management Practice Guide Sample

Foundation Series: F1

Roles in Real-World Case Management

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Learning Objective

Map core responsibilities and ethical boundaries within a real case.

Why This Matters: Role clarity isn't about limitation; it's about focus. When you understand the boundaries and purpose of your work, you can channel your energy where it matters most: serving families effectively without sacrificing your own sustainability.

Reflection Prompt

Where have your role boundaries felt clear or blurred this week, and what assumptions shape how you see your role?

Use this space to capture your thoughts:

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F3: Culturally-Responsive Practice Guide Sample

Try in the Field

Ask a family member or peer for feedback on whether they felt heard rather than judged. Notice your own response to their feedback.

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Document your experience:

Debrief and Discussion

Use these prompts for team discussion or personal reflection:

- Reflect together on the difference between curiosity and assumption in your recent interactions.
- What language or habits have you noticed that strengthen trust across cultural differences?
- Share a time when adapting your approach based on cultural context made a meaningful difference.

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F5: Documentation: Telling an Accurate Story Practice Guide Sample

Job Aid: Documentation Language Guide

Use these examples to strengthen your documentation practice. The goal is to describe what you observed and heard without inserting judgment or assumptions.

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Instead of This (Judgmental)	Try This (Objective)
Mother was uncooperative and defensive.	Mother stated she did not agree with the concerns and declined to answer questions about household routines.
The home was filthy and chaotic.	Observed dishes in sink, laundry on living room floor, and three children playing loudly in kitchen.
Father doesn't care about the case plan.	Father has not attended the last two scheduled meetings and has not returned calls to discuss case plan progress.
Mother is obviously using drugs again.	Mother's speech was slurred, eyes appeared glassy, and she had difficulty maintaining balance during visit.
The child is clearly being neglected.	Child arrived at school without coat in 30-degree weather on three occasions this week per school report.
Parents don't follow through on anything.	Parents completed 2 of 6 scheduled parenting class sessions and missed last three counseling appointments.

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Key Principles for Strong Documentation:

- Describe what you saw, heard, or smelled using specific details
- Include dates, times, and frequency when relevant
- Distinguish between observation (what happened) and assessment (what it means)
- Use quotes when documenting what someone said
- Avoid labels, diagnoses, or conclusions unless you're qualified to make them
- Ask yourself: Could someone else reach a different conclusion from these same facts?