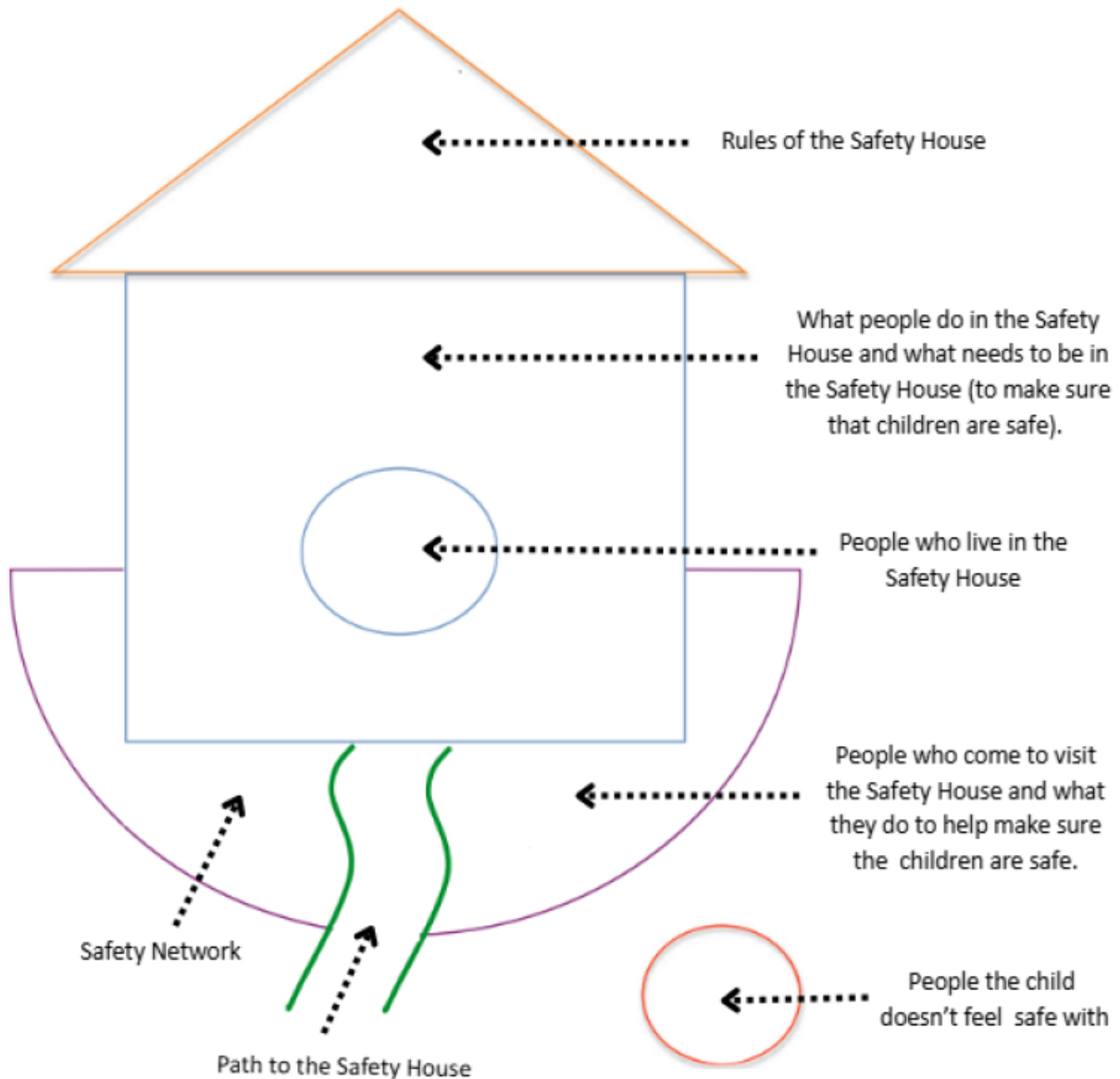


THE SAFETY HOUSE

A tool to involve children in the safety planning process.



PROMPTS FOR THE SAFETY HOUSE

Inner Circle

- Ask the child to draw a self-portrait and leave extra space.
- Who else would live in your Safety House with you?

Inside the House

- Imagine that you are back home with _____ (e.g., mom and dad), and you feel as safe and happy as possible. What sorts of things would _____ (e.g., mom, dad, big sister) be doing?
- What important things would _____ (e.g., mom and dad) do in your Safety House to make sure you are safe?
- Do you need any important objects or things in your Safety House to make sure you are always safe?

Safety House Visitors: The Outer Circle

- Who would visit you in your Safety House to help make sure you are safe?
- When _____ (each of the safety people identified above) visit you in your Safety House, what important things will they need to do to help you be safe?

Unsafe People: The Red Circle

- When you go home to live with _____ (e.g., mom and dad), is there anyone who might live with you or visit you who makes you feel unsafe?

Rules of the Safety House: The Roof

- Remember when we talked about all the adults who are working on a safety plan for you when you go home? They are trying to decide the rules of the safety plan. What do you think? What would the rules of the Safety House be so that you and everyone else would know that nothing like _____ (use specific worries) would ever happen again? What else? And what else?
- What rules would your _____ (e.g., sister, brother, grandma) want?

Staying on Track: Path to the Safety House

- Let's say the path begins where everyone was very worried, you could not live with Mom and Dad, and you had to live with _____ (e.g., brother, grandpa). The end of the path, at the front door, is where all those worries are gone, and you will be completely safe living with Mom and Dad. Where are you on the path right now?
- Let's say the beginning of the path is where you feel worried that if you go home to live with Mom (or stay overnight), she will start using drugs again and be unable to look after you properly. At the end of the path, at the front door, everything in your Safety House is happening, and you're not worried that Mom will use drugs again. Where are you on the path right now?

My Safety House

