

DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES





Progress Notes Requirements

- 1. Date of Service
- 2. Service Type
- 3. Actual Duration
- 4. Goal
- 5. Objective
- 6. Progress
- 7. Printed Name
- 8. Signature
- 9. Agency Title
- 10. Date of Signature



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Progress Note Elements

1. Describe the youth's emotional state at the onset of the teaching session:

- For example:
 - Just arrived from school and was calm
 - Watching TV in the living room, and was somewhat sad
 - Relaxing in room listening to music

2. Identify the specific skill being taught to the youth:

- For example:
 - Deep Breathing (not Coping Skill)
 - Budgeting (not life skill)
 - Identifying Triggers (not anger management)

3. Describe in detail how you taught the skill to the youth:

- Include step by step information on what you did and what you said to the youth
 - Identify the teaching method used
 - ie: Role play, Internet search, completed worksheet, hands on activity coaching
 - Explain the activity/conversation:
 - ie: Staff sat with youth and explained deep breathing can be used when the youth is beginning to get upset. Staff explained how to do a deep breathing by inhaling through your nose, holding the breath for 3 seconds and then exhaling through your mouth. Staff modeled it first and then had the youth try it. Staff explained this should be done three times in a row. Together we practiced the deep breathing exercise.

4. Describe the youth's response during teaching session:

- What the youth said:
 - I think the role play was interesting and helped me understand how to control my anger when I feel
 upset.
 - I don't think I will be able to use this later because it is stupid and doesn't work
 - I didn't think it would work but I feel calmer now that we have done the exercise.

5. Describe how you connected the skill to real life situations:

- You told the youth:
 - This deep breathing skill can be used when you are upset at school when the teacher tells you something you don't like so that you don't swear at them.
 - Being able to follow a recipe will give you the opportunity to make dinner for someone when you are living on your own, such as a girlfriend or boyfriend.

6. Describe the progress made by the youth during the teaching session:

- Rate progress (good, fair, none) and explain why:
 - Poor as evidenced by the youth refusing to practice the skill and becoming irritable and leaving the session early.
 - Good as evidenced by the youth engaging well and practicing the skill for 5 minutes and appearing more relaxed at the end of the session.
 - None as evidenced by youth's refusal to engage in the teaching session.