

DEFINITION OF A “LIVE” TDM MEETING/MICHIGAN:

A key element of TDMs is that the family and community join the agency in making an informed placement related recommendation. The team provides its best thinking on immediate next steps to ensure safety and stability, rather than reacting to a plan or decision already made. Below defines when a TDM meeting is considered "live" (timely) based on the TDM type.

A live Initial TDM Meeting is one that is held:

1. When the caseworker **first identifies safety concerns** that could result in child-parent separation.
2. **Prior to** the child(ren)'s removal (CPS cases) or re-removal (Foster Care cases) from a parental home.
3. **Prior to separating a child** temporarily from a parent via a Temporary Voluntary Arrangement (TVA) in BSC 5 TDM counties. (Parent must enter the time-limited TVA without coercion and may revoke the agreement at any time; they retain full legal custody and responsibility as well as full access to child.)

A live Placement Stability/ Change of Placement TDM Meeting is one that is held:

1. **At the first sign** of issues or concerns in a placement or **within 5 business days** of a caregiver submitting a request to replace the child.
2. **Prior to** a plan to move a child in care is underway (i.e., request already made to identify or approve a new placement or to petition the court for removal).
3. **Prior to** the child(ren)'s replacement.

Note: Per the Team Decision Making Protocol, **Initial TDMs following emergency removals or emergency TVAs will be held the next business day** after the removal/separation **and** prior to the preliminary court hearing. In addition, If the court orders a child not currently involved with DHHS Child Protective Services into custody, a TDM will be held by the next business day to determine the department's response to the court order.

A live Unsupervised Parenting Time TDM Meeting is one that is held:

1. **Prior to** planning/beginning unsupervised parenting time.
2. **Prior to** developing and submitting a plan to request the court to approve unsupervised parenting time.

A live Return Home TDM Meeting is one that is held :

1. **Prior to** the child(ren) returning home.
2. **Prior to** submitting a request to the court to reunify or prior to the court order to return home.
3. **Prior to** planning to return the child(ren) home.

Note regarding all not live TDM types: At the latest TDMs must be held **within 5 business days** after a child's move (removal, replacement, or re-removal); after the start of unsupervised parenting time; or after a child's return home. After 5 days we can no longer consider the TDM to have been timely enough to meet TDM key elements, and the worker will need to convene an FTM for case planning purposes.

