

15. Reasonable and Active Efforts

The Oregon Safety Model uses the comprehensive child safety assessment, and the safety planning process to meet the “reasonable efforts” requirement. The reasonable efforts requirement is consistent with ensuring that the least intrusive intervention is used to ensure child safety.

- CPS performs “reasonable efforts” to prevent out-of-home placement. Conducting safety analysis and continuing safety planning requirements ensures that CPS meets the reasonable efforts requirement. The rigorous application of these standards is sufficient to comply with reasonable efforts expectations and requirements, and justifies to a court when seeking court authority to place a child out of his or her home as part of the ongoing safety plan.
- “Active efforts” are actions required of the state in caring for an Indian child, mandated under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). While active efforts are undefined in ICWA, they refer to an effort more intense than the legal term “reasonable efforts.” Active efforts applies to providing remedial and rehabilitative services to the family prior to the removal of an Indian child from his or her parent or Indian custodian, and/or an intensive effort to reunify an Indian child with his or her parent or Indian custodian.