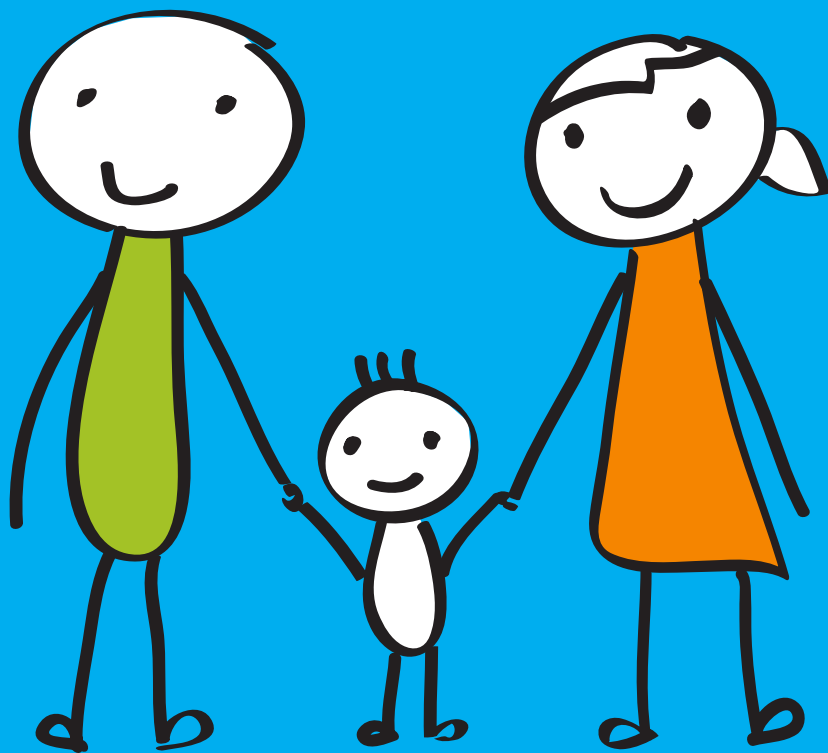


# Our Network

Safety and Support  
for Children and Families



# What is your network?

**Your network is made up of people who have a connection with you and your family.**

They might be family, friends, neighbours, members of your community or coaches from clubs your children attend.

Some of your network will live close by and some might live far away.

When it's not possible to see each other in person, networks use many different ways to keep in touch such as phone, text, Facetime, WhatsApp and Zoom.

Your network will always know how your children and family members are doing. They are always in touch, some more than others. They also know the things that make them worry about your children and sometimes you (and your partner if you have one), and know what to do if they are worried.

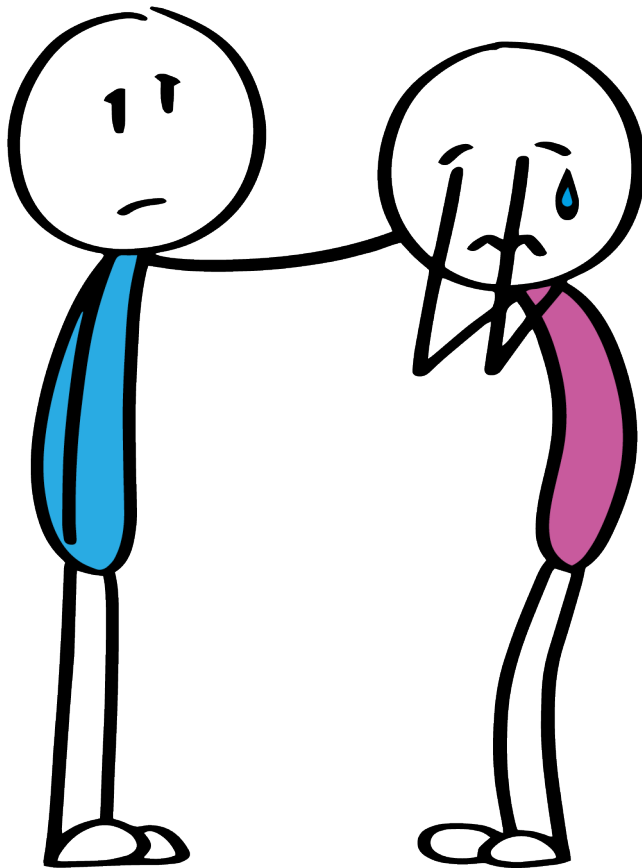


# Why do you have a network?

**Life can be hard at times, but your network is there to support you and your children through any difficulties.**

Your network makes sure your children are safe, cared for and have what they need, and make sure they are connected to family and their community.

This is important for all children and young people. They need support and guidance from the adults around them as they grow up, and even as adults we need people around to support us too.

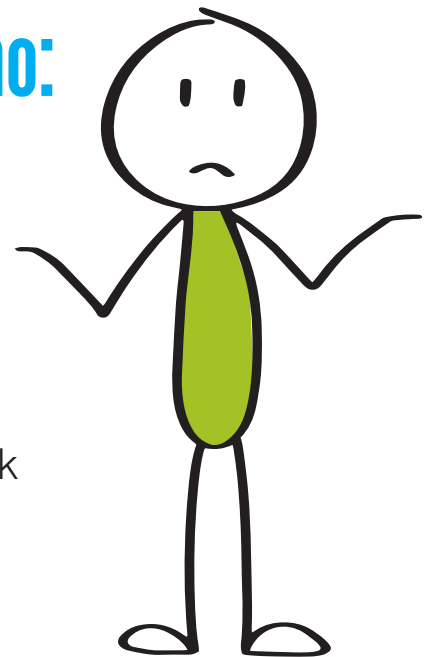


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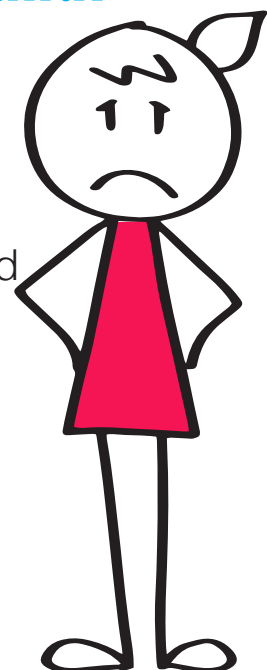
Your worker will talk with you and ask questions to help you decide who:

- you want on your network
- you do not want on your network
- your children would need on the network
- your children would not want on the network
- who would know everything, and
- who would only need to know some things



Your network will need to understand:

- What your children are worried about, or what things are making life hard for you as a family
- Your strengths in looking after your children and how your network have helped you keep them safe and well looked after in the past
- What needs to happen so that your worker doesn't have any worries and can leave your family to get on with your lives



# Your family plan

**Your worker will ask lots of questions to help you and your network to make a family plan.**

Sometimes these questions will be hard to think about but your worker is there to help you and your network with this.

Conversations about your plan may be over the phone, by video call or in person.

There might be more than one planning conversation. Each one will look at a worry and agree rules about who will do what to make sure your children are safe and well cared for when things are difficult at home or in life.



# Your family plan in action

**When your family plan is ready, you and your network can try it out to see what works well and what needs to change to make it stronger. Your worker will help you get a final plan that everyone knows can work.**

When everyone agrees on the final family plan, you and your network can make a simple version for your children. This will use drawings and words so your children know who will do what when a worry comes up, or what they might need to do.

Once you, your network and your worker are confident that the plan works, and will continue to work, your network will take over full responsibility for the plan.



It is important for someone to be in charge of this plan so they can make any changes if needed.

**The Boss**

# Who are the people in your network?

The boss

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name



# Who in our network are available to our children?

Name

Name

Name

Name

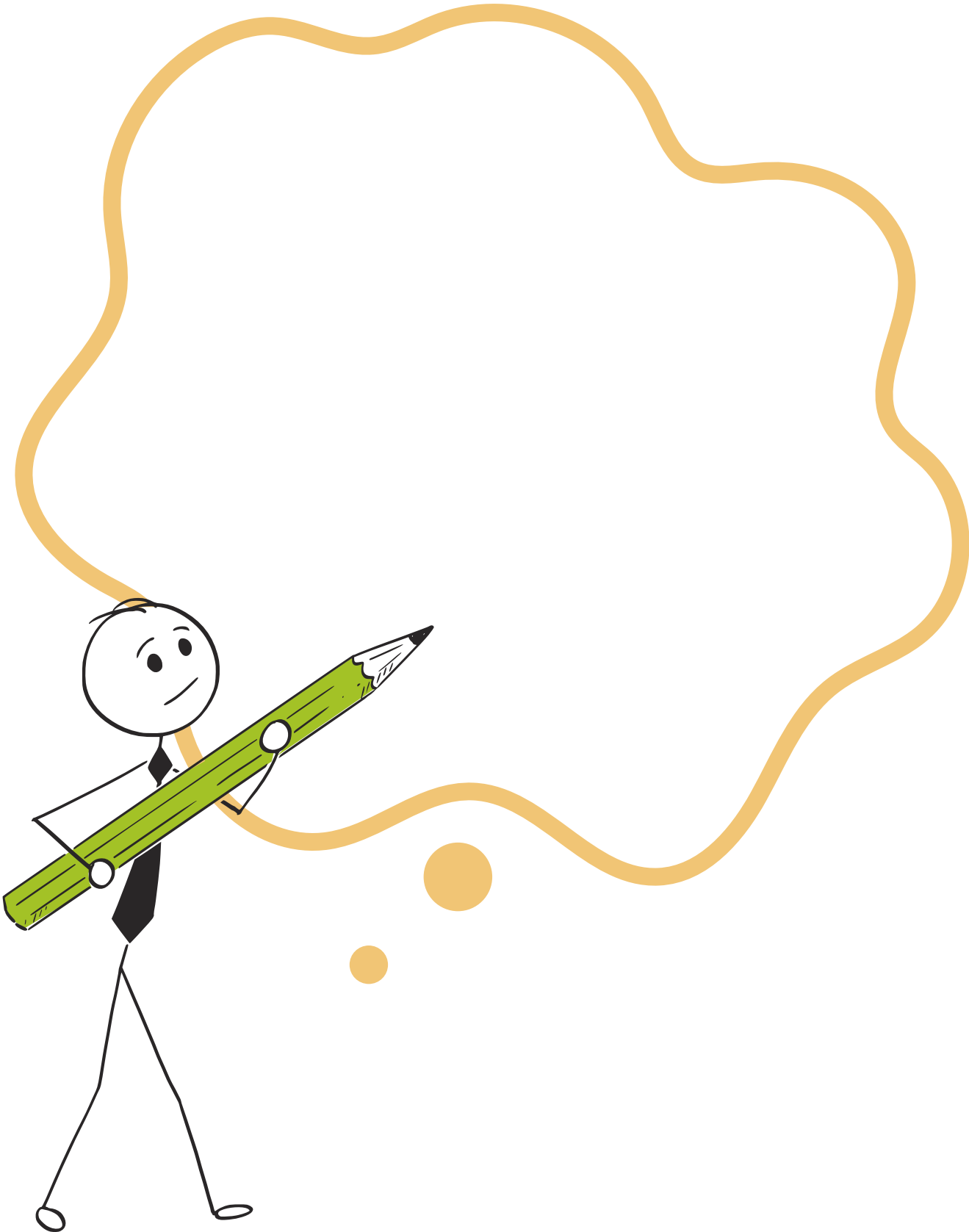
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# Who would I like to join our network?



**Who would our children  
like to join our network?**

