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Before the conference starts, the chairperson will meet with you to explain how the meeting will run and how you can contribute to the discussions. The professionals attending the conference who have contact with your child or yourself will



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These categories are:

\*Neglect. This is the failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment); failure to protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger; failing to ensure adequate supervision; failure to ensure access to appropriate medical care or provide suitable education. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse.

\*Emotional Harm. This may be telling a child that they are worthless or unloved; it may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views or making fun of what they say or how they communicate; it may be having inappropriate expectations of children

