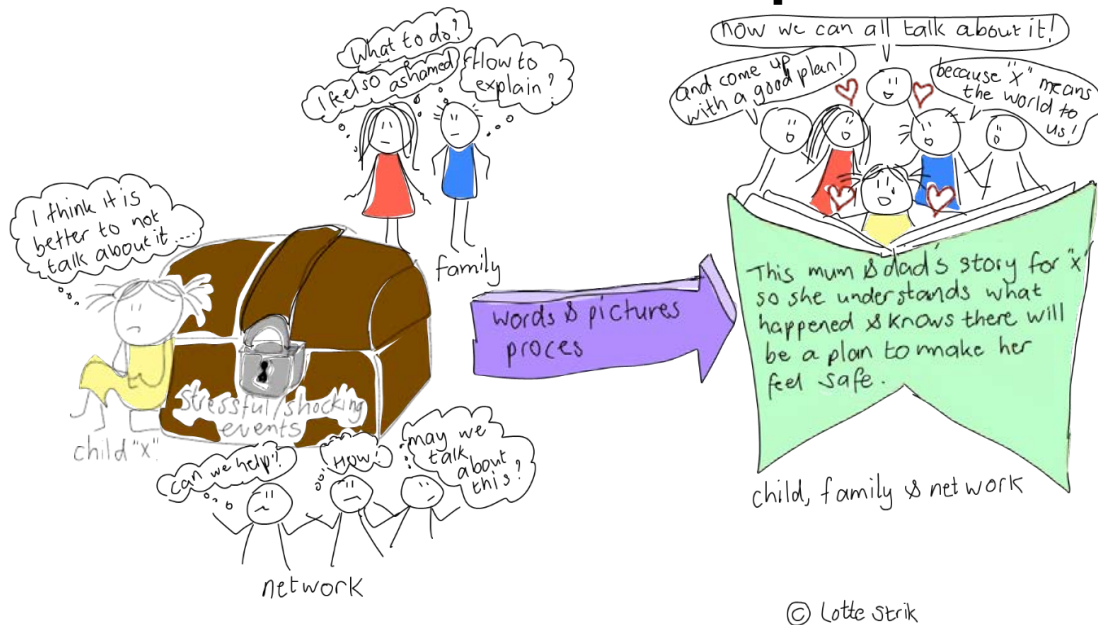


Short form Words and pictures



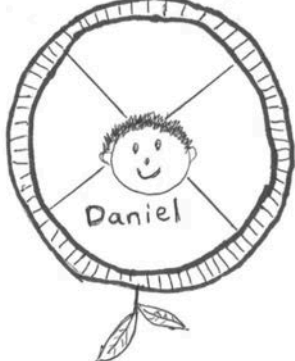






A short form Words & Pictures is a five-frame storyboard which helps the parent/s tell the child/ren in the immediacy what is happening, why and what the plan is. It keeps children grounded in the present.

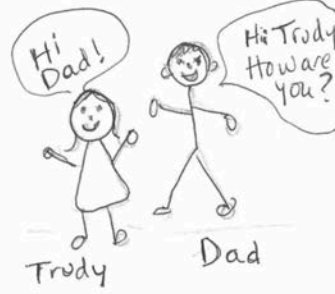




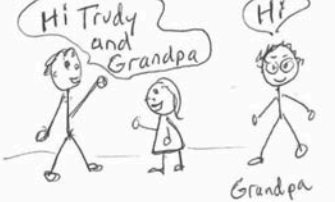

The structure

First of all, concentrate on the words and don't worry about the pictures yet. You will need to share the draft with the parent/s and where necessary amend:

1. Title and positive frame - What is the focus of the storyboard eg 'Why Jim is living in foster care'. What would the child/ren really welcome for example hearing what mum and dad are doing to make things better for them. What is driving the parents, eg 'mum and dad love you'.
2. Who is worried? - 'Sally got together with Jim's mum and dad to write this story to explain to Jim why he has been living in foster care since 22/03/22.
3. What are we worried about? - Re-write the danger statement in childlike language.
4. What happened then? - This is where you explain what did happen to the child/ren due to the worries.
5. What are we doing about the worries? - Eg 'Mum and dad have been speaking to the Social Worker to work out a plan so that you can all find a way of living together in a way that you are happy and safe. They are going to find some people who will help you and them with this'.

Examples

<h2>Word and Pictures for Daniel, age 6</h2> 	<p>1</p> <p>People were worried about Daniel because when his Mom-Julie, and Dad-Mike were together, there was drinking and fighting. Daniel was sad when the police took them away. Grandma Gwen came and took Daniel to her home.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Daniel told social worker Carole and Grandma Gwen that Dad tickles him too hard and hits him too hard with pillows when dad drinks and it hurts Daniel.</p>  <p>Dad said he didn't know he hurt Daniel and he was sorry.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Lots of people were worried for Daniel about all of this.</p>  <p>Mom Dad Grandma Gwen</p>  <p>Carole Social Worker Uncle Pete Auntie Sandy</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Mom made sure Daniel will be safe and is able to live with Grandma Gwen while Mom and Dad get help for their problems with alcohol and anger. Mom and Dad want Daniel to know he's a good boy and they love him.</p>  <p>Daniel Grandma Gwen</p>	<p>5</p> <p>While Dad is in jail and Mom is in a place to get help for her problems, Grandma Gwen will take Daniel to see them. Grandma, Uncle or Auntie will be there to be sure Daniel is safe and there is no drinking or fighting.</p> 

<h2>Trudy's Words and Pictures for Her Time With Dad.</h2>  <p>Trudy Dad</p>	<p>1</p> <p>People were worried when Trudy, age 7, was at Dad's and she couldn't wake him up. He had a beer in his hand and drank too much alcohol.</p>  <p>Trudy Dad</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Trudy used her I-pad to contact Mom and Mom came and picked Trudy up.</p>  <p>Trudy mom</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Who is all worried about this?</p>  <p>Mom Dad Grandma</p>  <p>Grandpa Steve Grandpa Joe Carole social worker</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Everyone decided Trudy would always have another safe grown-up with her when she visits with her dad to be sure it is safe and dad is not drinking when Trudy sees him.</p>  <p>Grandpa</p>	<p>5</p> <p>This way, Trudy can have great visits with Dad.</p>  <p>Trudy Dad Grandpa</p>