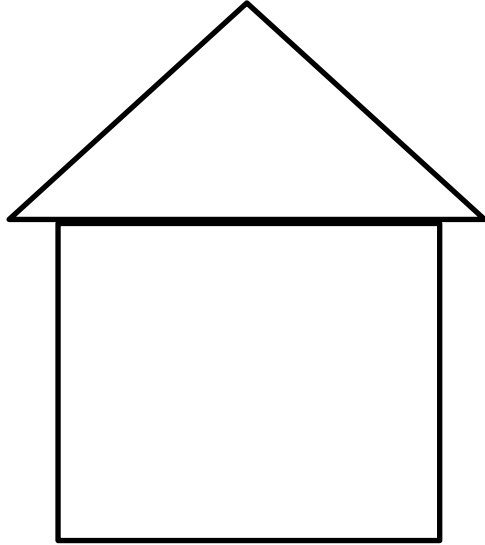


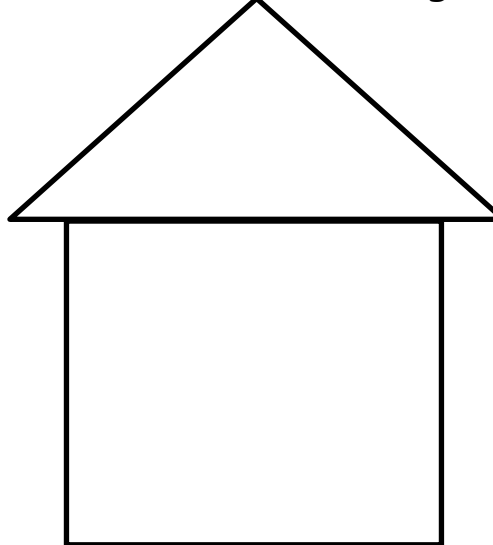


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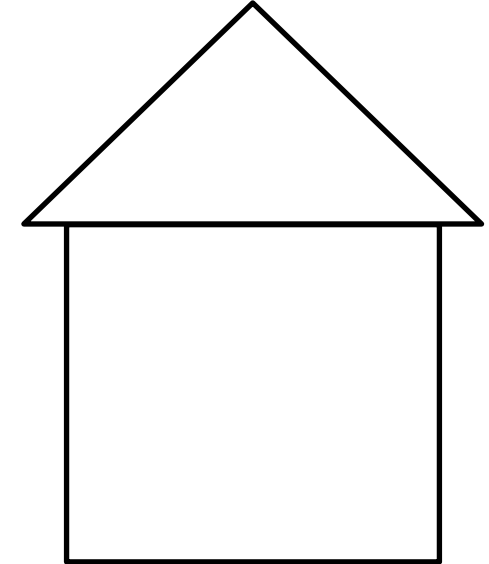
House of Worries



House of Good Things



House of Dreams



Steps for using the Three Houses tool include:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Wherever possible, inform the parents / caregivers of the need to interview the children, explain the three houses process to them and obtain permission to interview the children.</li><li>2. Make a decision whether to work with the child with/without parents / caregivers present.</li><li>3. Explain the three houses to the child using one sheet of paper per house.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Often start with 'house of good things' particularly where the child is anxious or uncertain.</li><li>5. Once finished, obtain permission of the child to show to others - parents, extended family, professionals.</li><li>6. Address any safety issues for the child in presenting to others. Present the finished three houses assessment to the parents/caregivers, usually beginning with 'house of good things'.</li></ol> |
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