



Family Case Plan Workbook

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Family Teaming

Family Teaming is a collaborative, engagement-driven process that brings together the family and their supports to actively identify, review, and work toward goals identified in the Family Case Plan.

Think of family and youth voice and choice at all stages of the Family Teaming process.

Family Voice

- This strength-based approach encourages the family to ask for support and develop the Family Case Plan as a team.
- Empower families to express concerns by using the Family Teaming engagement style.

Family Choice

- Families are encouraged to identify supports to be involved in the Family Case Plan.
- Allowing the family to choose who supports them is key to Family Choice

Did you know...

Family Teaming was initially developed in the 1980s.

Family Teaming focuses on the provision of family-driven, youth-guided, strengths-based, and culturally and linguistically competent services.

Family Teaming is designed to give families and youth a leadership role in developing and guiding the Family Case Plan.

National Resources

To read "Role of Family Engagement in Creating Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice Systems", click [here](#).

To read "How can child protection agencies collaborate to prevent foster care and support family well-being?", click [here](#).



Benefits of Family Teaming

Family Teaming centers on principles such as encouraging families to take active leadership roles in decision-making while co-creating the Family Case Plan.

Building Trust

Families have often experienced trauma from systems and/or services and may be reluctant to start something new. Recognizing this is important.

A child welfare professional can build trust by acknowledging these experiences. The truth is, when families feel seen and supported, they are more willing to explore things out of their comfort zones.

Here are a few options to offer to a family after trust is established:

- Joining or reconnecting with faith-based supports.
- Joining a support group when they feel ready.
- Working with a mentor or trusted support person.

Benefits to the Families and their Support System

- Families have a clear understanding of the identified goals, and what steps are necessary to achieve them.
- Knowing what the next steps are reduces stress and allows them to focus on the change expected of them.

Additional Resources

Putting Families First published a letter to child welfare professionals from lived expert families [here](#).



Benefits of Family Teaming

Expectations of Child Welfare Professionals

- Engage with families in a manner that is respectful, empathetic, and clear.
- Establish a clear plan with the family, focusing on their strengths and engaging their natural support system to help them achieve the goals identified in the Family Case Plan.

Benefits to the Case Process:

- Improved coordination of care.
- Shared responsibility for problem-solving.
- Effective and sustainable support to the family that aids in the family’s achievement of case goals and remains there for them after case closure.

Additional DCF Resources

- Learn more about In-Home Ongoing Services Information [here](#).
- See Family Case Plan resources [here](#) including:
 - Family Case Plan Writing Guide
 - Family Case Plan Supervisor Guide

