



Family Teaming and Family Case Planning

All Wisconsin children and youth are safe and loved members of thriving families and communities. This document provides a high-level overview of key concepts and offers resources to assist legal partners in learning about Family Teaming and the Family Case Plan.

New Requirement for Child Welfare Professionals:

- Family Teaming is required for ALL in-home CPS, Child Welfare, and Youth Justice case types.
- 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 or YASI Case Plan. Family and youth voice and choice should be included at all stages of the Family Teaming process.



Family Voice

- This strengths-based approach encourages the family to ask for support and develop the Family Case Plan as a team.
- The Family Teaming engagement style empowers families to express concerns and work toward mutually identified goals.

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.

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.

Resources

- [DCF Family Teaming and Family Case Planning](#)

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