

What is a Family Team Meeting?

A Family Team Meeting is a gathering of people who together make up a family's team. Relatives, friends and others from the community who might offer support to your family are invited. Aunts and uncles, pastors, teachers, or counselors are examples of some of the individuals who might be included. Depending on their age, children may also attend.

At the meeting, you will talk about and create a plan that will provide safety and permanency for you and your children. The team will work together to identify how each member will help your family to reach its goals.

*Your family
will be treated with
dignity and respect.*

List Your Family Team

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Child Protection and Permanency

What Happens During the Family Team Meeting?

Introduction

Introductions will be made and the team will help decide on the meeting's purpose or goal.

Strengths

The team will be able to talk about the family's strengths, both individually and as a family.

Needs

There will be a discussion of the family's needs. The family will help create a list of ideas on how to meet their needs.

Plan

The family team will help decide who will complete the necessary tasks to reach the family's goals. A time frame will be set for each task.

Follow-Up

All team members will receive a summary of the meeting. As a family progresses, family members, CP&P staff or other members of the team may request a meeting to make new plans.

Why Should I Have a Family Team Meeting?

- ◆ You are the expert on your family. You will have an active role in all parts of the meeting – what's discussed and what plan is created for you. You will decide who is part of your family team.
- ◆ Every family needs a support structure. With help from your team, you can make informed choices and good decisions about how to keep your children safe. Bringing people together who care about your family can help make changes easier.
- ◆ Your children are more likely to achieve positive results when your family team is involved in decision-making.

