

TEAMING PRACTICES



Child and Family Team Meeting:

-The Child and Family team (CFT) is defined as a group of individuals who are convened and engaged by the placing agency to identify the strengths and needs of the child and his or her family to help achieve positive outcomes for safety, permanency, and well-being. The (CFT) planning process applies to all children who come into care after January 1, 2017, including probation youth in foster care, non-minor dependents, and non-related legal guardians. CFT is comprised of a network of care that shares responsibility to assess, plan, intervene, monitor and refine child service delivery over time.

Values/Principles (from Core Practice Model and ACL): 1) Strengths-based, 2) Needs-driven, 3) Individualized, 4) Family-centered, 5) Culturally Competent.

Safety Organized Practice:

- Safety Organized Practice is a compilation of practice strategies and concrete tools for child welfare workers, supervisors and managers that enhance family participation and equitable decision making in planning for safety. It combines the best of Signs of Safety, Structured Decision Making and Motivational Interviewing techniques to provide ongoing safety plans throughout a case process. The same **values** apply as noted above.

Team Decision Making Meeting:

-A child and family team centered Child Welfare Services meeting to ensure network of care communication, coordination and continuum occurs when making placement decisions.

Values/Principles: 1) Safety is Paramount, 2) Every Child Deserves a Family 3) Every Family Needs the Support of The Community, 4) Public Child Welfare Agencies Need Community partnerships.

Wraparound Child and Team Meeting:

-Meeting to plan and coordinate intensive services for children and families with complex needs using a team-based, family driven approach to keep children in the least restrictive placement as possible.

Values/Principles:

1. Family Voice and Choice 2. Team-Based Decision Making 3. Natural Supports 4. Collaboration 5. Community-Based Service Delivery 6. Culturally Respectful and Relevant 7. Individualized Services 8. Strengths-Based Support 9. Persistence 10. Focus on Outcomes

Inter-Placement Committee (also can be known as Level of Committee or may go by other names)

This committee can be named other things such as the hard to place committee or placing approval committee. This committee may have been used as a staffing for some counties but will no longer be used in this way. This committee will use the recommendations from the CFT and, in turn, approve the higher level of care or justify the shift in the recommendation. This is an agency driven committee to understand and plan for the needs for higher level of care placements. This committee supports the family driven individualized service plan done in a CFT.