

These Principles are the Foundation
for CFT Meetings



- Everyone Deserves Respect
- Everyone Needs to be Heard
- Everyone Has Strengths
- Judgments Can Wait
- Partners Share Power
- Partnership is a Process

If you would like more information on this meeting process, please call:

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CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM MEETINGS



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A Resource for Families



To strengthen, with dignity and respect, the quality of life for all citizens through supportive services and advocacy



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What is a CFT?

A CFT or Child and Family Team Meeting is a voluntary process in which families, people that families see as helpful, and community agencies develop partnerships to help families help themselves.

Families have strengths, resources and abilities to plan and care for their children and family. This process seeks to help families connect their strengths to community resources to help their family be safe, stable and together.

A CFT is the best way for a family to have their ideas, needs and questions discussed in a setting that is safe and open to respectfully hearing them.

How does this work?

WHO?

Your worker will help you identify who you want to come to your meeting. They can be family, or neighbors, friends, co-workers, children's teachers, or coaches. Anyone you see as helpful in your life.

WHEN?

The CFT is held at a day and time that works the best for your schedule. This can be morning, evening, even the weekend if that is more convenient for everyone.

WHAT?

Your family meeting will have a clear, focused purpose addressing why you are involved with this agency and what you think is needed to help your family have success.

HOW?

These meetings often have a person not involved with your case lead your meeting. They will guide the meeting and ensure you are heard and respected during all discussions.

DO I HAVE TO?

No, the CFT process is voluntary. But it is the best way to have a direct voice in planning for your family.

The Child and Family Team Process

- Is all about Children.
- Sees your input as key to success.
- Invites honest, open discussion to build partnerships.
- Provides and invites all to share their points of view and options for solutions.
- Wants all to feel safe and respected during the meeting.
- Knows the past is important but focuses on the future.



A CFT meeting is the best way for you to have your voice heard as everyone works together for children.