

Will My Children Attend The Family Team Meeting?

- Since children care about what happens to their family, they are usually involved in some way.
- Children have important things to say about what they want to see happen.
- Many times older children come to the whole meeting. Some come for a short time and some don't even come at all.
- You and your facilitator will decide how your children will participate in the family team meeting process.



What If I Have Questions?

- Call or email your Family Team Meeting Facilitator
- Call or email the Family Team Meeting Coordinator

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Family Team Meetings

What is a Family Team Meeting?

- A way for the family to work together with a team to make plans and decisions to help their family succeed.
- At the meeting, the team talks about the family's strengths/goals. Next, they brainstorm to come up with a plan that provides for the safety and well being of the children in the family.

Who Comes to the Meeting?

- Family
- Other relatives
- Friends
- Church friends
- Others in your community
- DHS caseworkers
- Service providers
- Lawyers
- Basically anyone you think would be good on your team.

What Happens Before the Meeting?

You and your facilitator will:

- Meet with your family to explain what a meeting is like.
- Decide what you would like to see happen as a result of a Family Team Meeting.
- Start to list strengths that your family has that can be used to make things better.
- Decide what the main concern and purpose of the meeting will be.
- Decide if you want to share your family story.
- Make a list of people you want to invite to the meeting.
- Decide on a time and place where you will feel comfortable having the meeting.
- Think about creative ways to solve any problems in getting everyone together (for example, finding a ride to the meeting or finding child care).

What Happens at a Meeting?

- Everyone is introduced to each other.
- The facilitator explains the purpose of the meeting.
- If you want to, you and your family can tell your family's story so that everyone knows the same information.
- The team will talk about your family strengths and what is needed to make things better for your family.
- The team brainstorms on what to do
- Finally a family plan is made.
- The meeting should take between 1 to 2 hours depending on what needs to be accomplished.

