

Did You Know?

G1.8 Family Team Meetings



Topics of discussion should include: case planning progress, services, barriers to progress, significant changes to the familial structure or economic status, any necessary case plan modifications, quality of visitation with the child, and permanency/transition planning

A **Family Team Meeting** is a tool for **quality engagement** used to assist a family in achieving safety, permanency and well-being outcomes and sustainable family changes.

FTMs may include the following participants in addition to the parents:

- ❖ family members,
- ❖ youth (when developmentally appropriate)
- ❖ informal support systems,
- ❖ service providers,
- ❖ community representatives,
- ❖ SSW and FSOS, and
- ❖ other child welfare agency representatives.

Family team meetings are held:

- ❖ Ninety (90) days after a child enters out of home care;
- ❖ Within thirty (30) days of reunification; and
- ❖ At other critical junctures, as requested by the family or DCBS.

Family team meetings can be:

- ❖ Case planning conferences where all parties are present
- ❖ KVC Meetings when DCBS participates
- ❖ Transitional meetings for youth in OOHC such as the TLP meeting
- ❖ Joint home visits with TAP, CASA, GALs, or KVC when parents are included
- ❖ Reunification meetings to negotiate transition plans

FTMs *MUST* be documented in TWIST contacts by selecting “Family Team Meeting” under “service activities”

#PIPTalk: quality engagement relates to PIP items #13, 14 & 15