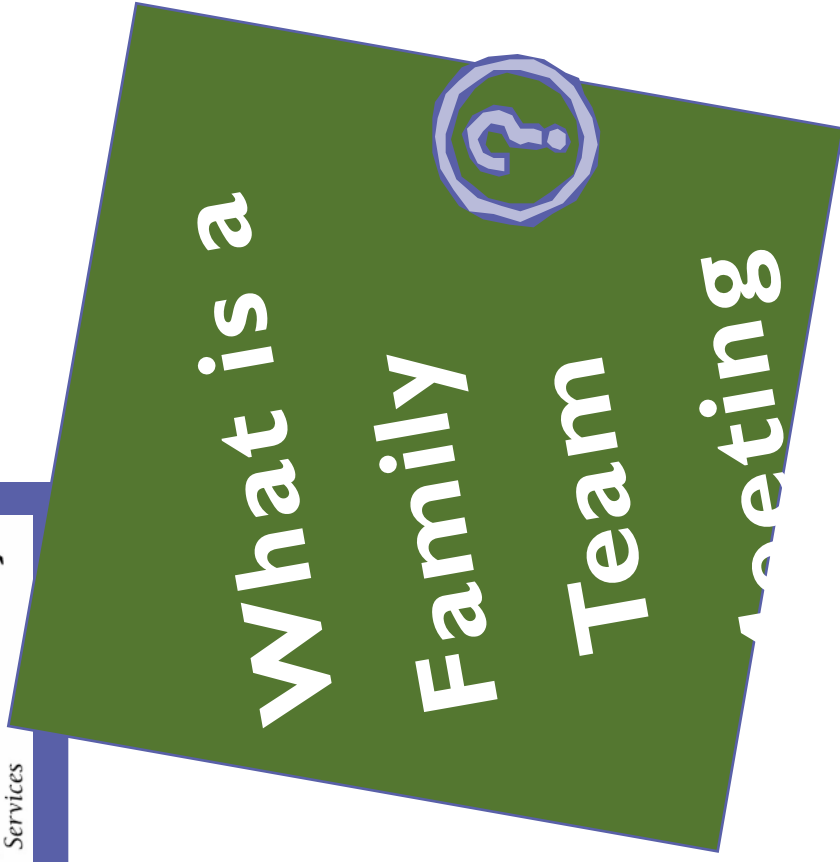




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Family Team Meetings... *bringing everyone together.*

Family Team Meetings, (FTM) involve family, their support system, service providers, the caseworker and their supervisor. Everyone is treated with respect. The purpose is to share information, protect children, and/or preserve or reunify the children whenever safely possible. This meeting will be conducted by a trained Family Team Meeting Facilitator.

The first Family Team Meeting will be held within 10 business days after assignment of the Family Based Care, (on-going) caseworker. The facilitator will work with the caseworker and the family to determine the meeting participants.

Meetings will be held on the third floor of JFS in the Family Team Meeting Room.

What do I need to do?

- Feel comfortable in suggesting solutions. My involvement matters.
- Consider my supports. Bring supportive relatives, close friends, ministers, (etc), who can consistently attend meetings with me.
- Participate in the case planning process with my child-(ren).
- Help determine and/or identify creative alternative for my child-(ren).
- Be open to talking about safety, stability, and/or permanency for my child-(ren).
- Be open to sharing and listening concerns others may have.
- Ask questions.
- Honestly address problems my family faces like domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental health issues,
- Attend all meetings as scheduled.
- Communicate what I need in order to attend like child care, transportation, etc).
- Sign the FTM Release of Information Form.