

Meeting Information

Date

Time

Location

Contact Information

Your DCF Worker

Phone

Email

DCF Supervisor Name

Supervisor Phone Number

Remember:



This meeting is to determine what the best next steps are to increase the child or family's wellbeing and functioning.



You may invite key people who you think will be supportive to you, your children, and your family to this meeting.



Please let your DCF worker know who you are inviting so we can provide adequate space.



Please also advise your DCF worker if anyone you are inviting requires special accommodations including child care, transportation, interpretation service, or any other assistance that will make involvement in the family meeting possible.

Family Meetings



What is a Family Meeting?



A Family Meeting is a meeting where everyone comes together as a team to determine what the best next steps are to increase the child's or family's wellbeing and functioning.



What is the purpose?

The purpose of this approach is to allow everyone an opportunity to have an honest discussion about the challenges every family experiences from time to time.

With assistance from parents, family members, community members and other professionals, the team will collaborate to create solutions to make the best plan for your family.



Who will attend?

You decide!

You may invite anyone you feel can be a support to your family: **family members, friends, neighbors, community supports**, etc.

Children age 10+ are encouraged to attend this meeting or provide input in another way so they can **share their voice**.

Your DCF worker and their supervisor will also be present. Other community supports or professionals may be present to help grow your support network.



Family Meeting Guidelines

Privacy



All participants will respect your family's right to privacy.

Equity



All participants reserve the right to contribute their voice to the meeting.

Respect



All participants will show one another respect by listening actively, calmly navigating disagreements and reserving judgment.

Honesty



All participants are encouraged to share freely and honestly without fear of blame or negativity.

Collaboration



All participants are encouraged to contribute to the meeting in order to collaboratively arrive at the best decision for your family.