

DMH Partnering with Families To...

- Recognize and affirm family strengths.
- Assess family needs and find solutions.
- Learn what the family hopes to accomplish.
- Set reasonable and meaningful goals.
- Organize tasks to accomplish goals.

When is the Meeting?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____



Los Angeles County
Department of Mental Health

Child and Family Team Meetings



What is a Child and Family Team Meeting?

Child and Family Team Meetings bring family members together so that, with the collaboration of “natural supports”, professionals and community resources, they can create a plan that ensures child safety and meets the family’s needs. Those involved in the process are selected by the child and/or family.

Who can attend the meetings?

You have the choice of selecting the members of your Child and Family Team and inviting them to your meeting. You may invite family members, friends, neighbors, church leaders, or anyone else who you believe will help and support you reach your family goal.



Your role in the Child and Family Team Meeting is to tell your story, share your family goal, and choose the members of your team. This will be *your* Child and Family Team Meeting where you will have the opportunity to express your opinions and your preferences. Your voice and point of view is very important in this process.

What happens at the meetings?

During the Child and Family Team Meeting you will have the opportunity to run your own meeting with the help of a facilitator. You will have the right to set your own ground rules for the meeting. The Child and Family Team Meeting will help you and your team members share your family strengths, express concerns, and create a plan to meet your family’s needs.

Why is it important to attend the meetings?

It’s important to attend Child and Family Team Meetings because they give you and your family an opportunity to build your team of “natural supports” that can help you reach your goals and make important decisions about your family.

How often are Child and Family Team Meetings held?

Child and Family Team Meetings should be held when an important decision has to be made about your child and/or family. In addition, you can request Child and Family Team Meetings whenever the plan has to be changed to meet your child and family’s needs.



What is your family’s goal?

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