

Strengthening Families Case Practice Model Implementation Team

A practice model is a description of our shared values and the strategies we use to work with families. The Strengthening Families Case Practice Model is built on a foundation of family engagement

There are seven strategies of our Strengthening Families Practice Model:

1. Family Engagement;
2. Purposeful Visitation;
3. Family Centered Assessments;
4. Supervision and Management;
5. Initial and Ongoing Assessments of Safety and Risk;
6. Effective Case Planning;
7. Individualizing Services;
8. Creating a learning organization.

Implementation of the practice model will ensure consistent effective engagement across offices and will improve the quality of work, and supervision.

As the Department moves toward full implementation of the practice model, we are guided by six critical cross cutting themes:

Cross Cutting themes:

1. Strengthening family-centered practice and programs, agency-wide
2. Expansion of trauma-informed practice
3. Application of the neuroscience of early childhood and adolescence
4. Expanding service and support for families at the community level
5. Improved leadership, management, supervision and accountability
6. Advancing DCF as a learning organization

Implementation Team Purpose:

The team is intended to be a time limited focused group that will move forward a Strengthening Families practice model that emphasizes child-focused family-centered practice, collaborative casework, community-partnership, and measureable outcomes.

Implementation Structure:

