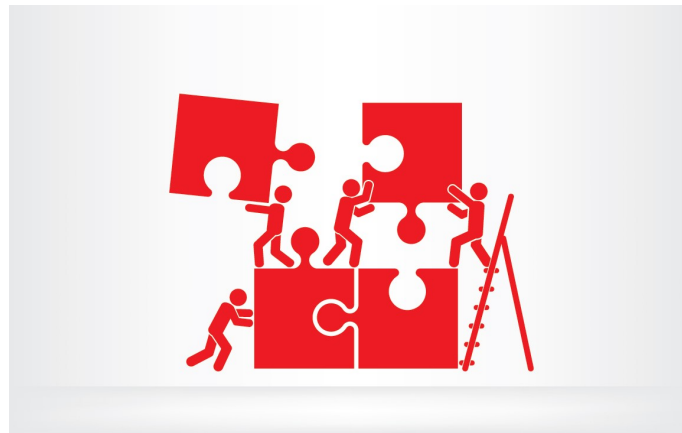




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Trauma/Resilience Tip of the Week: Child and Family Teaming

Child and Family Teaming (CFT) is a process which consists of a group of individuals that includes the child/youth, family members, professionals, natural community supports, and other individuals identified by the family as being important. The Child and Family Team highlights voices of child and family members throughout the collaborative process to achieve positive outcomes including safety, permanency, and well-being of the child and family. It is essential for team members to develop partnership and recognize trauma impact on the child and family in order to reduce risk of re-traumatization.



The Child and Family Team is a Process.

Engaging and Developing Team Membership: Establish collaborative partnership between the family and family's informal and formal supports (e.g. neighbors, friends, therapists, and etc.).

Coordination, Communication, and Collaboration: Identify child and family's strengths and underlying needs and solutions to their needs through ongoing collaborative process within team members.

Case Plan Development and Permanency Connections: Develop child and family-centered case plan toward transition out of the foster care and linkage to permanent placement with establishment of natural supports.

Monitoring and Adapting: Review an individualized case plan with the child and family team every 90 days or when a significant event (e.g. at risk of placement disruption, change in service needs, and etc.) has occurred that requires modification of the plan.