

Child and Family Team (CFT) Meeting Types

This chart provides information on CFT meetings types, including when each meeting should occur, relevant discussion topics, and guiding principles for each meeting. Refer to CFS P&P [Child and Family Teams \(D-0314\)](#) for specific requirements regarding timeframes for initial and subsequent CFT meetings.

Type of Meeting	When?	Suggested Discussion Topics	Guiding Principles
Emergency Response (ER) Imminent Risk Note: For parachute and on-call referrals, the Intake/Investigations SSW will initiate the CFT Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to removal of the child from the home when safety factors rise to the level of removal or possible removal After removal of the child from the home and there is no available placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm Statement(s) Danger Statement(s) linked to Safety Goal(s) Safety Planning (identify strengths and protective capacity) Creation of Safety Network (consider using the safety circles tool to facilitate this discussion) Alternative Placement and School of Origin when appropriate (safe, permanent and least restrictive setting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Organized Practice (SOP) Core Practice Model (CPM)—Preventative Services Welfare and Institutions Code § 361—Reasonable Efforts Maintain and preserve family units while keeping the child safe Structured Decision Making (SDM)—Assessment of safety, protective factors, and strengths CFS P&P Abuse Investigations—Protective Interventions (A-0414) CFS P&P Structured Decision Making (D-0311) CFS P&P Maintaining Connections with Important Persons (D-0410) Resource Family Approval Protocol

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Initial CFT Meeting	<p>After the Detention hearing and before preparation of the initial case plan to be submitted with the Jurisdictional/ Dispositional (JD) hearing report</p> <p>Note: For voluntary placement cases, the initial CFT meeting will occur prior to completion of the initial case plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Planning • Harm Statement(s) • Danger Statement(s) linked to Safety Goal(s) • Creation/support of Safety Network (consider using the safety circles tool to facilitate this discussion) • Well-Being domains: Physical (Medical/Dental), Behavioral/Mental, Social/Cultural/Emotional, Educational, and Developmental • School of Origin decisions • Behaviorally specific objectives to reach Safety Goal(s) • Visitation • Placement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does the current placement fit the needs of the child according to Relative Family Assessment (RFA) guidelines? ○ Are other relatives available for placement? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOP • SDM • Case Plan Field Tool and My Action Plan (MAP) • Improved Health and Educational Passport Data • Compliance with Pathways to Well-Being (Katie A.) • Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) • CFS P&P Case Plans (D-0101) • CFS P&P Out-of-Home Placement (K-0208) • CFS P&P Extended Foster Care (J-0101) • CFS P&P NMD Placements (J-0102) • CFS P&P Voluntary Family Services and Informal Supervision (M-0106) • CFS P&P Structured Decision Making (D-0311) • CFS P&P Maintaining Connections with Important Persons (D-0410) • CFS P&P Visitation Guidelines (D-0313) • CFS P&P Mental Health Screening and Treatment (I-0303) • Resource Family Approval Protocol • Level of Care Desk Guide

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Family Reunification (FR)	Two months prior to each Status Review hearing when recommendation is to continue FR services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danger Statement(s) and progress toward Safety Goal(s) • Protective actions parents have demonstrated over time that mitigate the danger • Barriers to reaching Safety Goal(s) • Appropriateness of the current level of supervision for visitation • Plan for transition from FR to FM, such as: housing, medical care, educational needs, readiness for trial visit, etc. • Concurrent Planning: whether the child is properly matched with a permanent option that best serves the child/sibling group, should reunification efforts fail • Options for life-long connections • Whether child/NMD requires reassessment for or referral to behavioral health services • Placement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued appropriateness/suitability ○ Appropriate Level of Care (LOC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOP • SDM • System Improvement Plan (SIP)—Promotion of timely reunification outcome • Welfare and Institutions Code § 361—Reasonable Efforts • Pathways to Well-Being (Katie A.) • CCR • CFS P&P Out-of-Home Placement (K-0208) • CFS P&P NMD Placements (J-0102) • CFS P&P Concurrent Planning (D-0202) • CFS P&P Maintaining Connections with Important Persons (D-0410) • CFS P&P Structured Decision Making (D-0311) • CFS P&P Mental Health Screening and Treatment (I-0303) • Level of Care Desk Guide

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Permanency Planning	<p>Two months prior to each Status Review hearing when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation is to terminate FR services <p>-Or-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A permanent plan has been established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate LOC Services to support the permanent plan As applicable, services to facilitate finalization of adoption Plan for sibling visitation after adoption is finalized Need for mental health services and/or psychotropic medication evaluation Options for life-long connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIP—Placement stability outcome PDU Dispatch Permanency Planning (G-0322-D) CFS P&P Permanent Planning Assessments (G-0313) CFS P&P WIC 366.26 Report (G-0312) CFS P&P Maintaining Connections with Important Persons (D-0410) CFS P&P Mental Health Screening and Treatment (I-0303) Level of Care Desk Guide

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Placement Disruption/ Placement Preservation	As necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement preservation/change • Safety Issues • Least restrictive LOC • Supportive services for caregivers to facilitate placement stability • Need for mental health services and/or psychotropic medication evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For out-of-county placements, appropriateness of presumptive transfer of specialty mental health services • Permanency/Concurrent Planning • Options for life-long connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCR • SIP—Placement stability outcome • CFS P&P Out-of-Home Placement (K-0208) • CFS P&P Extended Foster Care (J-0101) • CFS P&P NMD Placements (J-0102) • PDU Dispatch Permanency Planning (G-0322-D) • CFS P&P Permanent Planning Assessments (G-0313) • CFS P&P Maintaining Connections with Important Persons (D-0410) • CFS P&P Respite Care (K-0212) • CFS P&P Mental Health Screening and Treatment (I-0303) • Level of Care Desk Guide

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Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP)	Prior to placement in an STRTP and every 90 days after placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriateness of and recommendation for STRTP placement • Behavioral and therapeutic needs of the child • Appropriate LOC • Involvement of appropriate service partners to address issues specific to the child • Need for mental health services and/or psychotropic medication evaluation • Permanency • Options for life-long connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCR • All County Letter 17-122 • SIP—Placement stability outcome • CFS P&P Out-of-Home Placement (K-0208) • CFS P&P Extended Foster Care (J-0101) • CFS P&P NMD Placements (J-0102) • CFS P&P Maintaining Connections with Important Persons (D-0410) • CFS P&P Mental Health Screening and Treatment (I-0303) • STRTPs and Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) Desk Guide • Level of Care Desk Guide
90-Day Transition Planning Conference (TPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 days before 18th birthday • 90 days before 21st birthday • 90 days before exiting foster care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for successful exit from foster care and transition to adulthood and socio-economic security • Development of a 3-month plan organized around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family/Social support ○ Education ○ Housing ○ Employment ○ Daily independent living skills ○ Financial responsibility • Health (including medical, mental, and reproductive/sexual) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All County Letter 09-87 • CFS P&P ILP Services (D-0504) • CFS P&P Out-of-Home Placement (K-0208) • CFS P&P Extended Foster Care (J-0101) • CFS P&P NMD Placements (J-0102) • CFS P&P Non Minor Dependency Court Proceedings (J-0104)

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Pregnant & Parenting Planning Conference	At earliest opportunity upon a child/NMD in foster care disclosing pregnant or parenting status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for successful pregnancy and parenting • Development of a plan to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placement stability for the dependent and baby ○ Prenatal care and birth plans ○ Involvement of the maternal and paternal family network ○ Educational status and needs ○ Access to parenting education, home visitation, mentoring programs, and child care resources ○ Encouragement of family planning ○ Linkage to family law referrals or other service resources ○ The provision of independent living or transition planning information and resources ○ If NMD is placed in a SILP, consideration of Parenting Support Plan (PSP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIC § 16002.5 • CFS P&P Reproductive Health and Parenting (I-0207) • CFS P&P Out-of-Home Placement (K-0208) • CFS P&P Extended Foster Care (J-0101) • CFS P&P NMD Placements (J-0102)