

## Family-Centered Case Practice Model Update

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The Family-Centered Case Practice Model emphasizes family, community, and staff engagement; allowing for a holistic approach to our work including strengths based planning and service integration. The benefits to customers/clients include improved quality and timeliness of services throughout the child welfare continuum; resulting in increased family stability which address safety, permanency, and well-being of children in our care, custody, or oversight. Implementing this model refocuses our approach to human services/child welfare work. Additionally, it affords DFCS the opportunity to assess our resources and use them more appropriately. The case practice model will promote a positive change in DFCS organizational culture. The case practice has been vetted by DHR executive management during high-level meetings. The case practice model has also been presented to all DFCS staff and external partners in large and small meetings. Feedback and comments regarding the case practice model have been solicited and collected via email. Below are four strategies that have been identified as cornerstones to the implementation of family-centered case practice in Georgia.

- 1) Family Team Meetings
- 2) Leadership Development
- 3) Timely and positive permanency for youth in care
- 4) Minimum Visitation requirements

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Please do not forget that I need your brief synopsis on the work done on your groups ASAP. Thanks Julie, Millicent and DeDe for getting me yours so promptly. I have to include this on the quarterly report and I need to get it to leadership for their review.....

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Please plan to participate in a Conference Call to discuss the status of the PIP focal groups. We want to ensure we discuss time frames for meeting our PIP requirements, rolling out changes to the field and for completion of each roll out. We also want to discuss where our groups are blending and how the work in each group may be influencing the work in others. I will

send out a physical location and call in number within the next few days....Susan

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