

# ABOUT OUR AGENCY

Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba is a private, non-profit, community-based charitable Agency, led by a community-elected and community-represented Board of Directors.

The goals of our Agency are to:



Families are strengthened and supported



Children are protected from neglect, abuse, violence, and exploitation



Children in our care are nurtured and supported in ways that promote their well-being



Children and Families will benefit from the Agency working in partnership with the Community



The health and wellbeing of children and families in Western Manitoba will continue to drive our Agency's commitment to improve the services we deliver.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION:



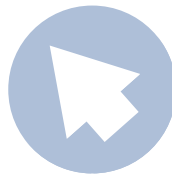
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# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

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Family Engagement is an active partnership between a family and their child welfare worker.



The worker listens to what the family thinks and gets them involved in the decision making as it relates to the safety of the child(ren) involved.



Family Engagement helps motivate and empower a family to recognize their needs, strengths, and resources and to help them take a more active role in changing things for the better.



Family Engagement is about the power of families and how they can work together to make sure children are kept safe.

## Before Your Meeting

You'll meet with your social worker so they can learn more about you. They will talk to you about the Family Engagement Meeting's goals and tell you about "harm/danger statements."

Together you'll make a list of who - your family, friends, or other supports you may have - to invite to the meeting. Your worker will contact all of these folks to explain about the meeting and ask them to attend to help you.

## During Your Meeting

All of you will go over an easy to understand 'statement' to help everyone know the safety concerns.

Everyone is then invited to share their views on how things are going for your family. The group will answer three specific questions:

- What is going well?
- What are the worries?
- What needs to happen next for the safety and future of the child(ren)?

Together with your social worker, everyone will come up with a safety goal and how to get to it.

## After Your Meeting

A follow-up session may be arranged to see how things are going, celebrate your progress, and go over your continued work towards safety.

You will receive a written summary of the initial meeting.

You and your family, your other supports, and your social worker will follow up on the agreements made at the first meeting.

