

Practice Alert



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Tips for Family Engagement

The purpose of the Practice Alert is to provide staff with tips to effectively engage with families.

Effective family engagement is crucial to the successful resolution of circumstances that bring families to the attention of Children's Division. Partnership, trust, and empathy are foundations of effective partnerships with families and should be present in every interaction we have with parents. During the Round 4 Child and Family Services Review, Missouri was encouraged to focus attention on enhancing skills and efforts towards family engagement in Program Improvement Plan strategies. As a result, the [Tips for Effective Parent Engagement](#) sheet has been created and can be located on the [Quality Assurance and Process Improvement intranet page](#). It provides some helpful points to keep in mind as Children's Division and Foster Care Case Management staff meet and interact with families.

All staff are encouraged to print a copy of the tip sheet and keep it in a prominent place to serve as reminders for effective family engagement strategies.

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