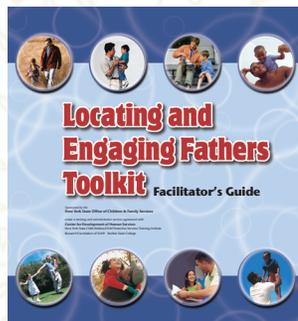


Locating and Engaging Fathers Toolkit (LEFT)

The *LEFT* is designed for local districts to develop and utilize effective strategies for locating absent fathers. Based on the belief that children need fathers in their lives, *LEFT* provides tools for agencies and workers to implement strategies for engaging fathers in the lives of their children and for helping families promote child safety, permanency, and well-being.



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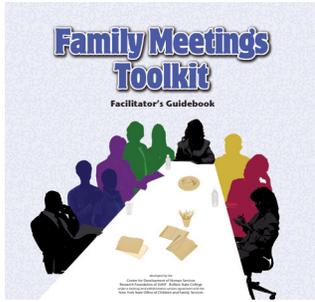
Tools and materials to assist with the implementation and supervision of effective family engagement to achieve child safety, permanency, and well-being:

Family Meetings Toolkit

Family Visiting Toolkit

Supervising Concurrent Planning

Locating and Engaging Fathers Toolkit

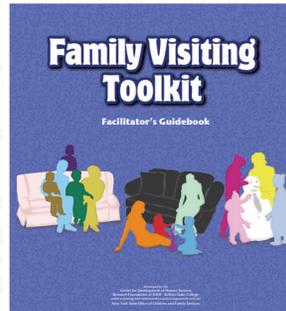


Family Meetings Toolkit

The *Family Meetings Toolkit* brings participants through an implementation process to ensure customized and ongoing implementation of family meetings. The implementation process is followed by staff and facilitator training to learn the skills of facilitating effective Family Meetings. Family Meetings involve a family-led decision-making process that brings together individuals concerned with the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children to make the best possible plans and decisions.

Family Visiting Toolkit

The *Family Visiting Toolkit* includes an implementation process for decision-makers, as well as training for supervisors and caseworkers, to promote visits that are purposeful, strategically planned, and coached to increase timely permanency. The training is designed to engage the family in the planning and debriefing process, while placing a strong emphasis on coaching parents before, during, and following visits in order to achieve child welfare outcomes.



Supervising Concurrent Planning

An element of child-centered, family-focused practice



Supervising Concurrent Planning

This toolkit consists of a video and a program guide for supervisors to help their caseworkers develop skills needed to conduct full-disclosure discussions and implement concurrent planning with families. The package includes a 13-scene video, a guidebook, and caseworker materials designed to support the achievement of safety, timely permanency, and child well-being.