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What is ECCSI?

- Process that seeks to prevent out-of-home placement
- Collaborative effort among families, community agencies and other concerned parties that seek to strengthen the families of children; ages 0-18, at risk of placement outside the home
- The primary goal of this process is to effectively coordinate services to meet the family's needs

Who will benefit from ECCSI?

Any Family with a child(ren), ages 0-18 in which:

- The primary goal of this process is to effectively coordinate services to meet the family's needs.
- Child exhibits behavioral/emotional/developmental concerns or delays, in home/school/community
- Parent/child relationship is distressed
- Family struggles with domestic violence, substance abuse or other barriers to healthy family life
- Child is at risk for removal/placement or is returning from placement
- Family seeks assistance in accessing coordinated and integrated services
- Pregnant women

Goals

- To increase access to community-based preventive services to families
- To decrease referrals to social services system
- To create the structure necessary for effective coordination of community services and enhanced family functioning
- To identify gaps and barriers to services in the current early childhood development system

What is a network meeting?

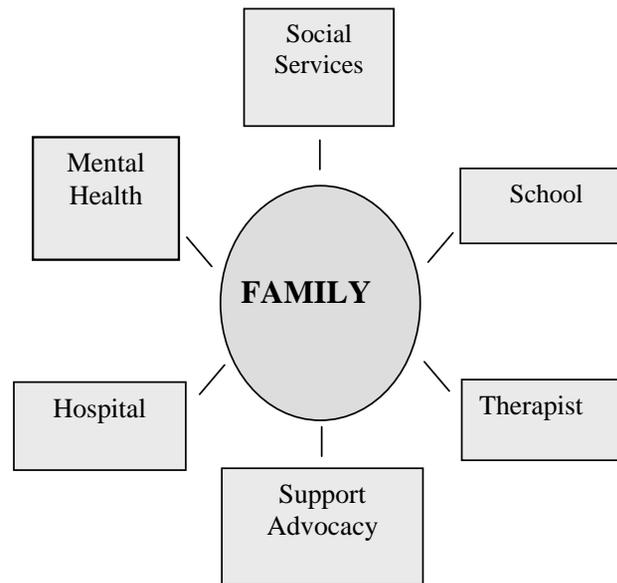
A **network meeting** is when the family comes together for a one-time gathering in a relaxed and informal setting to create an individualized family plan with a supportive team made up of friends, relatives, clergy, therapists, teachers or guidance counselors and representatives from various community agencies.

The **goals** of the Network Meeting for the family and supportive team are:

- to identify and appreciate the strengths of the family
- to identify the current concerns regarding the child(ren) at risk and perhaps other family members
- to work together to develop a plan of action for connecting the family to resources that can be of assistance

After the network meeting:

The ECCSI team stays in contact with the family and the supportive team to be sure the tasks of the **Family Plan** are carried out.



Aspects of ECCSI:

- ECCSI creates a plan that is individual for each family; no two families are alike, therefore, each plan is different.
- Families can expect to be treated with respect. Family input is the most important piece to the family plan; after all, you know your family the best.
- ECCSI provides opportunities to connect you with other families in similar situations.
- At ECCSI, the family is an equal partner.



How does the ECCSI process work?

Step 1: A phone call from the family member or the person referring the family to ECCSI (ex. nurse, teacher, etc.). Call the ECCSI Coordinator at (845) 486-9743 x103.

Step 2: The ECCSI Coordinator completes a brief telephone screening with the referent or self-referred family and determines if the child/family meets the basic criteria for the process (to see who will benefit from ECCSI).

Step 3: If the family **does not** meet the criteria, then there is an immediate consultation and referral to the appropriate community resources.

- If the family **does** meet the criteria, then a home visit is made to the family. At the visit we discuss the family's strengths and the possibility of having a network meeting.
- If family and ECCSI agree to have a network meeting then the ECCSI Coordinator schedules the meeting to be held at the family's convenience.