



Evaluation of Collaborative Family Engagement

Year Four Report

To increase family engagement in Texas, Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) created the Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) process in 2015 with funding from the 84th Texas Legislature.

Texas CASA and DFPS have continued to roll out CFE across Texas, and as of the end of FY 2019, 31 local CASA programs in Texas are implementing CFE.

The primary purpose of CFE is to develop a lifetime network of support for children and families, with a focus on increasing collaboration between CPS and CASA. The aim is to improve child wellbeing, placement, as well as relational and legal permanency outcomes for children in CPS care.

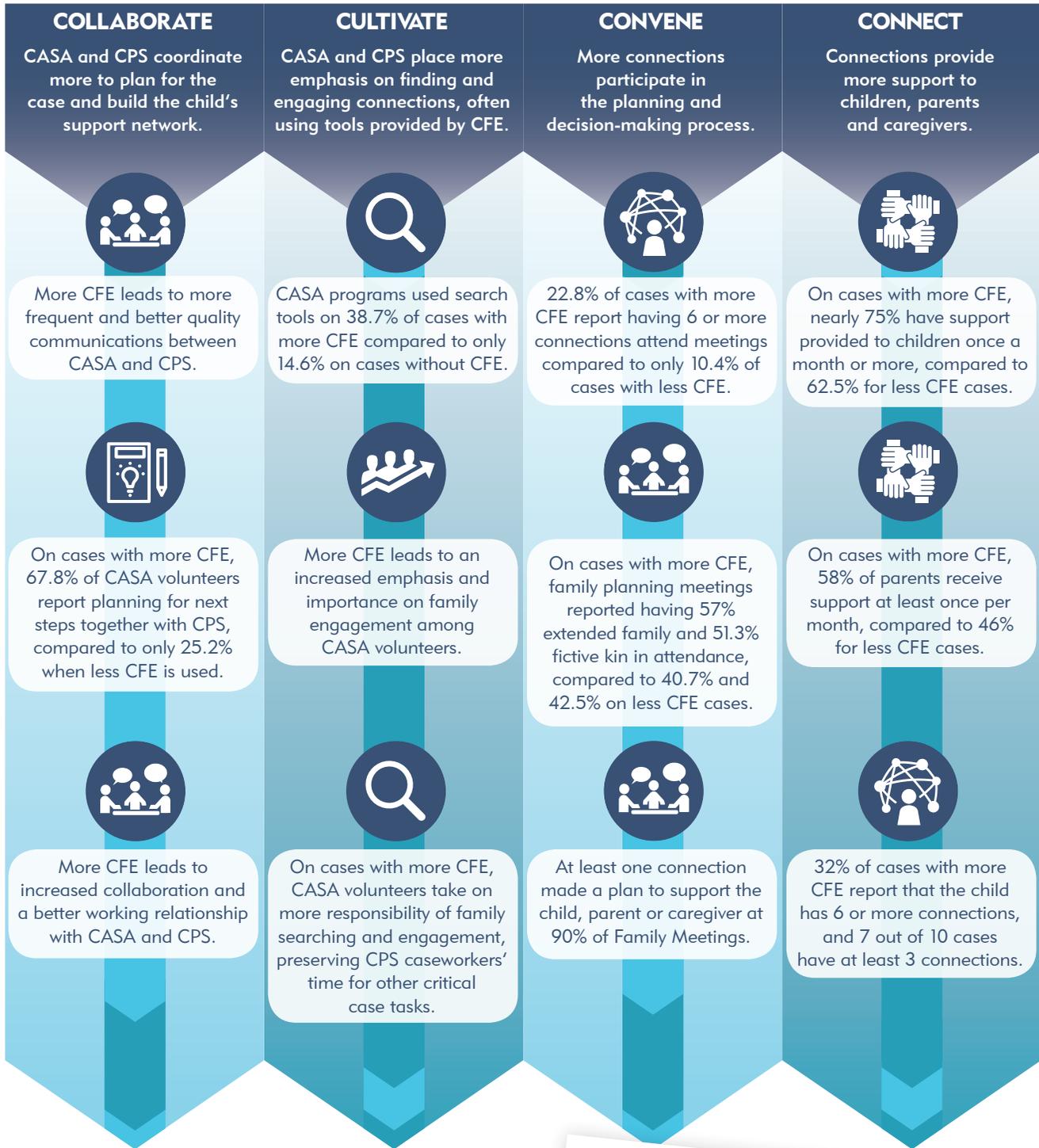


"It was a joy to attend the child's 5th birthday party, the week she was reunited with her family, where over 30 extended family members attended. In my opinion, this reunification would not have happened without the CFE process."

Visit [TexasCASA.org](https://www.texascasa.org) to learn more about CFE.

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OUTCOMES

- Support for parents increases with more CFE.
- Children have more connections on cases with more CFE.
- More children on TMC cases with more CFE move from non-kin into kin placements compared to children on cases with less CFE.

