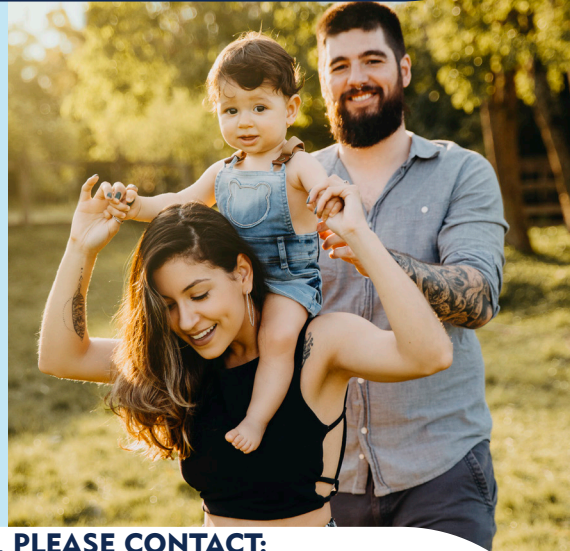


## COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (CFE): **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

### **WHAT IS COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (CFE)?**

We know you are the expert on what your family needs, and are here to support you. CFE is a team of representatives from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Child Protective Services (CPS) and others working together to make your voice and your child's voice heard throughout this process.

Our main goal is to build supportive connections for you and your child - it's a way to bring everyone together on the same team to make sure your child is safe and cared for.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

## WHY PARTICIPATE IN CFE?

Your voice matters! You are the expert on your family's strengths and needs, and we need your involvement to make this process as effective as possible. Please ask a member of your team about the importance of Family Meetings and Permanency Conferences.

By working with your CFE team, you will take an active part in the planning and decision making for your family. This is your opportunity to help make decisions for the future of your child and family. We will also give you the resources and information you need to keep your child safe, keep them connected with the people they love and ultimately keep CPS out of your life moving forward.

## ADDITIONALLY, YOU WILL:

- Stay more informed about every step in the process of your case and have questions answered more quickly.
- Know what all of your options are concerning your family and your child.
- Help us keep your child connected to the people that are important to them and help the team understand the family members who love and support your child.
- Work with your team to build your support network that will support you and your family during this time and after.
- Build a stronger working relationship between you, CPS and CASA.
- Help us move your case along faster, hopefully resulting in reunification.