

# CHILD FAMILY CONNECTIONS



COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Through the CFE work completed, connections for the child/family have been found, made, or strengthened, and a plan is in place to grow or maintain these connections for the child.

## WHAT IS A CONNECTION?

Activities that, through the work of CFE, occurred between a child and their network member/s, and/or parent and their network member/s, such as phone calls, email, letter, text, video calls or visits. Network members may include kin, fictive kin, siblings and people from other areas of support for the child or family. Activities can happen in person, virtually or via correspondence.

## HOW DO I ENTER THE INFORMATION?

Select: Child Family Connection

Subject line: Type of connection

Notes: Describe the connection type

## IS THIS A CONNECTION ACTIVITY?

### YES

- Weekly phone calls with child and their grandmother
- Aunt drives mom to drug testing
- Gifts mailed from support people to child for their birthday
- Letters written from paternal uncle to child
- Teacher eating lunch with child for support
- AA or NA support group people calling dad weekly
- Sibling visits for child, including when not living together
- Mentor or Big Brother/Sister assigned to teen that will be involved long term
- Creating a calendar of support for child
- Church group providing dinners to mom weekly
- Reaching out via phone, text or email to family members to engage them with child/parent
- Starting phone calls with father who has not been in the child's life previously

### NO

- Phone calls with a child and their mom (that are not a new occurrence)
- Counseling services ordered for mom
- Domestic violence counseling
- CPS court-ordered visits with dad
- CPS service plan for child
- Searching for family with no contact, or contacting only to determine who they are and not engaging them

Generally, support through professional services as part of the service plan is not a connection activity. Support through a network community group that are not professionals involved in the case is a counted activity.

Any questions? Please contact your CFE Coach.