



What is Collaborative Family Engagement?

The goal of Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) is to ensure children have meaningful connections while under the care of Child Protective Services (CPS) and to establish a Lifetime Support Network. This network consists of positive and committed adults who will support the child and their families both during and after CPS involvement.

Why CFE Works:

- Recognizing that children heal from trauma through relationships
- Responding urgently to the needs of the child
- Promoting connections for children and their families provides healing, safety, healthy attachment; positive development helps regulate emotions and recovery
- Children and parents can only feel safe and thrive when in positive relationships

Who is on the CFE Team?

- Family Members
- Fictive Kin/Foster Parents
- Teens
- Volunteer Child Advocate (CASA)
- Advocacy Specialist
- CPS Caseworker
- CPS Supervisor
- Family Meeting Facilitator
- Attorneys
- Therapists
- Educators
- Specialists

Benefits of CFE for Children:

- Provides connections
- Supports success of relational and legal permanence
- Maintains important relationships
- Reduces psychological stress
- Improves self-worth
- Normalcy
- Easier transitions
- More successful transition into adulthood (older youth)

For more information about the program, please contact Destin Hudek, Collaborative Family Engagement & Advocacy Specialist, at Destin@ChildAdvocatesTexas.org.

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