

CORE TENETS OF FLORIDA'S PRACTICE MODEL

Protect the vulnerable, promote strong families, and advance family resiliency.



CORE PRACTICES



WHAT WE WILL ACCOMPLISH



ENGAGE

Build rapport and trust with the family and other persons who support the family as the six information domains are explored. Empower the family by seeking information as to its strengths, resources, and family solutions. Demonstrate respect for the family as they exist in their social network, community, and culture.

PARTNER

Identify formal and informal partners who have the knowledge and information needed about the family and/or family conditions. Provide team leadership and facilitation to achieve optimum communication, clear roles and responsibilities, and accountability.

GATHER INFORMATION

Gather information consistently, from the family and other team members, throughout the course of all interventions to update the six information domains. Update information as underlying issues, including trauma, are identified and the family situation changes.

ASSESS & UNDERSTAND

Assess information gathered for sufficiency. Identify unsupported observations or unverified statements. Reconcile information inconsistencies. All team members have a shared understanding of the information and how it should inform interventions.

PLAN FOR CHILD SAFETY

Develop and implement short-term actions to supplement caregiver capacities to keep the child safe in the home or in care. For a child in temporary care, identify when parent progress will be sufficient to return the child with an in-home safety plan.

PLAN FOR FAMILY CHANGE

Work with the child, family, and other team members to identify appropriate interventions and the supports necessary to build parent protective capacities. Seek to identify what will need to happen in order for the family and its support network to succeed with maintaining changes over the long term.

MONITOR AND ADAPT

Provide linkages to services and help the family navigate formal systems. Troubleshoot and advocate for access when barriers exist. Modify safety actions and case plans as needs change. Support the child and the family with transitions, including alternative permanency options when reunification will not occur.