



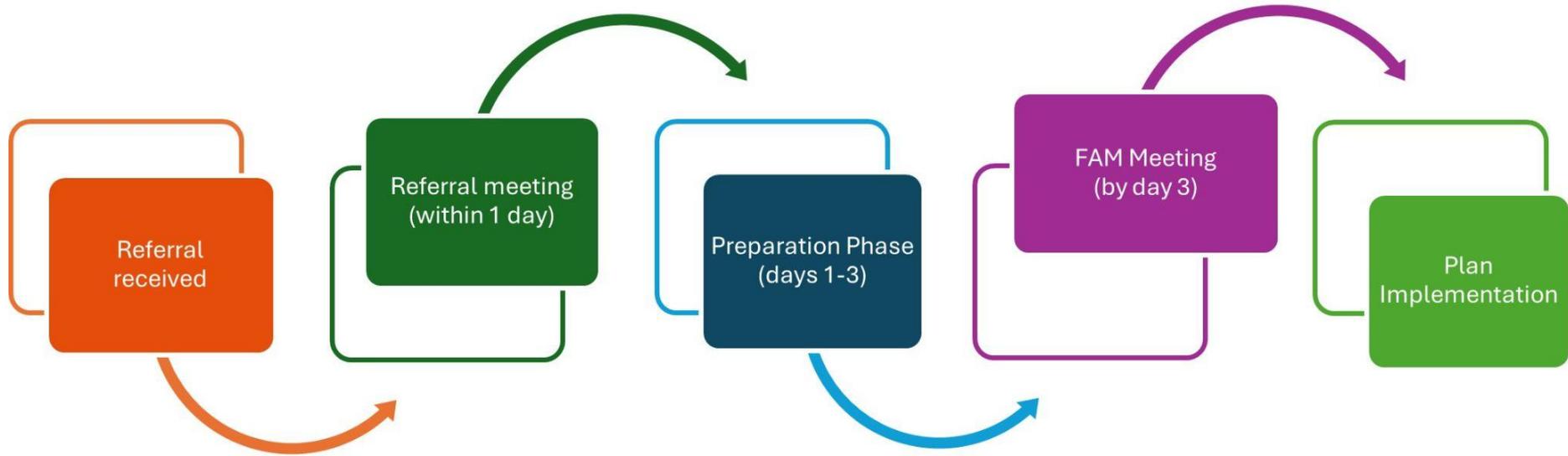
# Family Action Meeting CIP webinar 2026

**Inclusion, Connection, Collaboration and Transparency create  
safety**

# What is the Family Action Meeting (FAM) process?

**A process designed for DCFS and the family group to work together to robustly safety plan around identified safety concerns when the family initially becomes involved with DCFS.**

# Family Action Meeting Process



Urgent response to address safety impacts on children

## **FAM is:**

- A child-centered process designed to strengthen protective factors by ensuring “more eyes on the child”
- A framework that creates transparency around the Division’s safety concerns for children
- A structured approach that supports reasonable efforts
- A method for sequencing work strategically, prioritizing child safety first

## **FAM is not:**

- Designed to avoid court involvement
- A reason to avoid opening an ongoing case when a safety plan is in place
  - An ongoing case should be open when there is an active safety plan
- Is not a substitute for teaming

## **DCFS staff are better prepared for court by clearly articulating:**

- The specific safety concern and its impact on the children
- The actions being taken to address and mitigate the safety concern

## **Stronger, more comprehensive safety planning and plans:**

- Robust safety plans developed in partnership with extended family and natural supports
- Increased involvement of kinship and natural supports in planning and monitoring

**How will the FAM process impact court proceeding?**



91% understood DCFS' concerns about the children

83% it was helpful to bring the family together

**"I felt it was a great meeting. Lots of great ideas and we came up with the best plan possible for the child's success."**

**Averaging 8.2 family member in meeting**

## **FAM demographics and feedback from the family group**