

Youth Guide for Decision-Making and Transition Planning Meetings

This is **your** time to be heard. DCYF staff want to make sure **you** feel supported and have a voice in decisions being made about **your** future.

All parts of you are respected, including culture, gender identity, pronouns, and anything you are comfortable sharing.



Types of Meetings

1. Family Team Decision-Making Meetings:

- **When?** For a change in **your** living situation, like moving to a new home, staying somewhere temporarily, or plans for returning to live with your family.
- **Why?** To talk about what's going well, things that may not be working, and ideas from you and the team to develop a plan together with **your** input.

2. Permanency and Transition Planning Meetings:

- **When?** To discuss **your** needs to make sure **your** permanent plan is working for **you**.
- **Why?** For support in planning for **your** current safety, well-being, and future.

This meeting is all about you, you choose how involved you want to be

- Want to speak up? Go for it!
- Feeling shy? That's okay too.
- Sharing things can be difficult, **you can talk with a trusted person ahead of time and have them share for you during the meeting.**
- Got questions or ideas? Bring them, we're here to listen!

Help us understand what really matters to you:

- **School:** What's working? What's not? How can we help?
- **Employment:** What are your passions?
- **Where You Live:** What makes a place feel like "home"?
- **People Who Matter:** Let's talk about the relationships that are important to you and make you feel supported.
- **Your Well-Being:** How are you? Is there anything on your mind—health, mental health, or just your everyday needs. What makes you happy? What are your interests? Hobbies? Sports?

Who is invited to meetings?

You: Youth (12 and older) and **your** choice of two people who are supportive of **you**. Other people that you may see at meetings include:

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| • Parents/Legal Guardians | • Guardian Ad Litem, Court Appointed Special Advocates |
| • Caregivers | • Service Providers |
| • Tribal Representatives | |
| • Attorneys | |

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