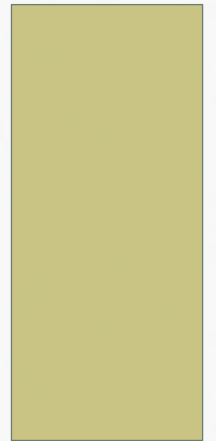


TEAMS

WHO IS ON MY TEAM



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TEAM

- To move the client to their legal goal
- To help resolve issues as a team
- To review what is going well and what needs assistance
- To decide the best methods to helping the youth accomplish their goals
- To help the client get their needs met
- To “check in” with each other and the client as well as let the client know he/she is supported
- To set future goals and make assignments

WHO ARE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND WHAT PURPOSE DO EACH SERVE

- Caseworker
- Agency
- Therapist
- Biological family members and personally invested parties
- Court appointed and representing parties
- Foster family
- School
- Clergy (rare but occasionally)
- Other.... You never know!

STAY NEUTRAL AND REMEMBER YOUR ROLE

- **Remember your skills and your manners!**
 - Biological families come with their biases, anger toward you because you have their child and they do not.
 - Frustration with the system and lots of blame toward others when things are not going well.
 - Client feels the heat of the spotlight.
 - This can provoke escape behaviors, tantrums, tears, fear, anger... etc.
 - Sometimes clients are good at getting all the parties to fight among themselves and then sit back and watch with glee (don't get absorbed)
 - Reality of all your issues is hard enough to deal with as an adult, worse and more self-esteem destroying when you are a youth
 - NEVER, NEVER, NEVER talk over, interrupt, or become disrespectful.

ACCOMPLISH AND SET OUT GOALS AND PLAN

- Follow the lead of the leaders (Caseworker, Therapist and Agency Head). Especially when the meeting doesn't go well..
- Decide what you have to contribute and come prepared to discuss and create solutions
- Own up to your role and what you will contribute and what others need to contribute
- Remember you are a team and the team either succeeds or fails as a team not as an individual party
- Plan out your next meeting
- Drive everything toward a solid goal or plan
 - Otherwise the case tends to go all over the place and nothing is accomplished but the aging of the youth.