

BHS Provider Updates



2015-7

Child and Family Team Meeting Time Lines

(30 and 90 Day Time Lines)

- Under *Pathways to Well-Being*, youth will have a team assembled to support them in obtaining safety, well-being, and permanency. This team is known as the Child and Family Team (CFT). Additionally, every *Pathways to Well-Being* Enhanced youth will participate in CFT meetings. There is a distinction between a Child and Family Team and a Child and Family Team Meeting.
- The Child and Family Team is a team of people working together to ensure that the youth successfully transitions out of the child welfare system and attains permanency. The core CFT members are identified upon Enhanced Eligibility (Subclass) determination.
- The Child and Family Team Meetings are one of the vehicles which the team members use to communicate and coordinate their work.
- According to State regulations, the first CFT meeting is expected to occur within the first 90 days of establishing *Pathways to Well-Being* Enhanced Services (subclass) eligibility. Because the counties have established the importance of and are responsible for mandating the guidelines, it has been locally determined that the initial CFT meeting shall occur no later than 30 days after eligibility is determined, and that subsequent CFT meetings occur <u>minimally</u> every 90 days thereafter.
- It is important to reconvene as often as needed and/or at the request of a team member, rather than wait until the regulated 90 days. It is the Care Coordinator's role to ensure the scheduling of timely meetings and on-going communication between team members.



