

Exploring a Family's Strengths and Goals

Goal: To help the FSW learn to use the family file to recognize family strengths, goals, and progress over time.

Supervisor responsibilities:

1. Discuss the importance of using the family file, including the assessment (Kempe), IFSPs and home visit documentation, as a resource for identifying potential strengths, goals, and successes. Note that these can change and evolve over time.
2. Choose a file for a family that has been active in the program for at least one year and has at least two IFSPs.
3. Ask the FSW to examine the file for evidence of the family's strengths, goals, and accomplishments.
4. Ask the FSW to look for parallels between strengths and concerns noted on the assessment (Kempe) and the strengths and goals in the IFSPs.
5. Ask: Have the strengths changed over time? Have the goals changed over time?
6. Ask the FSW to look at the most recent IFSP and make a plan for reviewing the IFSP with the family.

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Employee: _____

Date of hire: _____ Date activity completed: _____

Follow-up notes/plan:

Supervisor signature: _____ Date: _____