

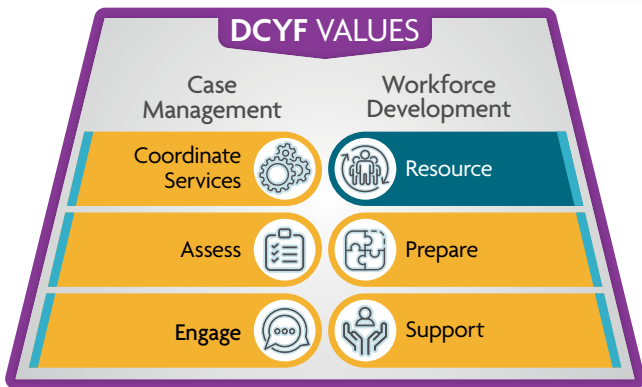
Thriving Families: Assessment Redesign

*Identifying family strengths, needs, and risks
in order to provide appropriate services*

Develops a comprehensive child welfare assessment system that is fully integrated with the Family Practice Model and meets the needs of our caseworkers and the children, youth, and families we serve.



FAMILY PRACTICE MODEL FRAMEWORK



INCLUSION • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • COMPASSION • TRANSPARENCY

How will families be supported?

Child welfare assessments and families' experience of the assessments will be reflective of the Family Practice Model and DCYF values: Inclusion, Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Transparency.

How will staff be supported?

Staff are participating in the design of the assessment tools and will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the tools prior to implementation. As part of the Family Practice Model implementation, staff will receive training, quality assurance and continues quality improvement supports.

How do we demonstrate we are prioritizing prevention?

An effective Child Welfare system will support prevention by (more) accurately identifying family strengths, needs, risks, and the results of interventions. Assessment tools also guide caseworkers and clients in selecting services that match their identified needs.

How are we reducing disparities?

Tool selection is informed by demonstrated effectiveness in diverse populations.

*This project is part of the **Thriving Families** campaign, which is made up of multiple ongoing projects in the child welfare space.*

***Thriving Families** will allow DCYF to strengthen its work with children and families, and support staff.*

The campaign will improve outcomes for families by safely reducing the number of children in out-of-home placements, supporting families so children remain safely at home, placing children with kin if they cannot remain safely at home, and ensuring placements are safe, stable, and support permanency.

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