**Why is this FPM happening?**

Placement Change FPMs can happen when…
- A child is transitioning from one placement to another or out of care.
- An unplanned move needs to happen if a disruption is occurring.
- The team needs to discuss the placement change and plan what needs to happen for transition to go smoothly.

**Before the meeting, plan to...**
- Think about the people who know and care about your children and family and invite them to attend the meeting with you.
- Participate for up to two hours.
- Express if there is anything that would help you participate (childcare, transportation, safety, etc.)
- Understand the conversation may be emotional and challenging.

**How to prepare for your FPM?**
- Talk about what your family needs to keep your children safe and help them thrive.

**At the meeting, plan to...**
- Express your feelings about your children and family.
- Talk about your strengths and what is going well.
- Share what worries you about your family.
- Talk about what your family needs to keep your children safe, help them thrive, and provide them with a consistent and stable home.
- Talk about services that have helped or could help.
- Make decisions for your children and family.

**Date:________________________**
**Time:________________________**
**Location:____________________**
**Contact:______________________**
What’s an FPM?

❖ A team meeting for your family that includes people who care about your family.

❖ An open and creative way for parents, family, friends, professionals, and DSS to work together to make a plan to keep your children safe and stable.

❖ The meeting is structured and led by a facilitator who is not involved with your case. The facilitator will make sure everyone can participate and the meeting stays focused.

How do FPMs work?

❖ Everyone uses respectful, open, and honest communication that respects the privacy of the family.

❖ The family team will discuss the purpose of the meeting.

❖ The team will talk about your children and family’s strengths to help build the plan.

❖ The team will then discuss the concerns and your family’s needs.

❖ Next, the team will “brainstorm” and suggest ideas to support your family.

❖ Finally, the team will make decisions and create a step-by-step plan to accomplish the goals.

❖ The team tries to reach an agreement on the plan.

❖ Everyone will leave the meeting with a printed copy of the plan.

Why is an FPM important?

Because...

❖ Children do best when they are connected to family.

❖ Family participation improves decision making and outcomes for children.

❖ All families have strengths and are experts on themselves.

❖ Teamwork is the best way to make decisions about child safety, stability, permanency, and well-being.