



SOMETIMES FAMILIES HAVE PROBLEMS

What's best for you and your child?

**Team Decision
Making can
help you find
a solution.**



Contra Costa County
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

What is Team Decision Making?

This is your chance to discuss the problems which have put your child at risk. This is a new way to include people in your community, and your extended family, in the problem solving process. Everyone at the meeting can participate in the discussion and they will have an opportunity to be a part of the solution.

What happens first?

We'll set up a meeting with you. You can bring any family members you consider to be supportive to this meeting. You may also bring friends you trust who would be willing to help out, and who care about the well-being of your child.

IT REALLY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE

We'll invite a social worker and community resource people who can offer suggestions that can help you make important decisions about your life, and help you work out some promising solutions.



What happens if we need to remove your child from your home?

It's important for children to have familiar places and people around them. So we will place your child in a foster home as close to your home as possible. We want your child to be able to go to the same school and church. We want your child close enough to visit easily with you, other relatives, and friends.

Together, we'll work out a plan...



When families have problems, the best solution is to come up with a solid, healthy plan, and follow it. These plans might include:

- Health Care Access Information
- Drug and Alcohol Counseling
- Anger Management
- Domestic Violence Treatment
- Parenting Classes
- Help finding and keeping a job
- Money Management



What will other people do?

The people invited to the meeting could offer you help with:

- Child care
- Transportation to counseling
- Visiting you when you need someone to talk with

Your support system may include professionals, family and friends.



Our goal is to keep families together and self-sufficient. Team Decision Making helps provide solutions so families can be safe and happy.



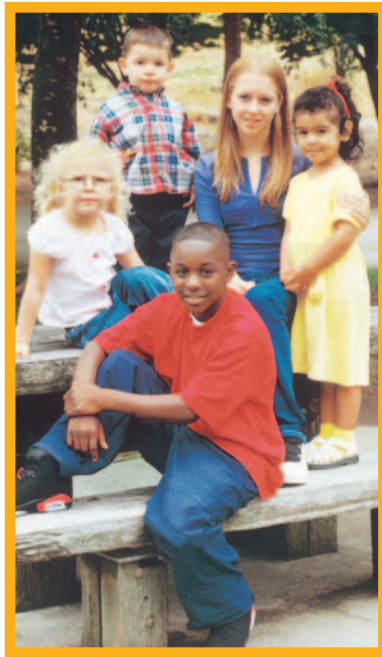
*Let's sit down
and talk about what's best for you
and your child.*

Sometimes families have problems. The problems can be caused by drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues, lack of money, or the loss of a job.

When the problems lead to child abuse or neglect, it's time to stop right where you are and make sure your child is in a safe place.

You have been given this brochure about Team Decision Making because there is trouble in your family right now. But you are not alone. We are here to help you. Your family and friends can help too, along with other people in your community.

We all want to help you and your family live together happily and safely.



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