

# Training Webinar for the Legal Community



Family Team Decision Meetings, formerly known as Family Involvement Meetings, have been utilized in Maryland's child welfare system for many years to promote safety, permanency and well-being. A new policy has been released to expand the use of teaming as a support to children and families. This webinar is designed to help the legal community learn how this variety of different teaming meetings can benefit the families, children and youth they represent.

#### **Virtual Trainings will be held:**

- June 27th from 4:30pm-6:30pm for Judges and Magistrates
- June 28th from 3pm-5pm for attorneys, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), and other court partners or
- June 29th from 3pm-5pm for attorneys, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), and other court partners

#### **Overview of Maryland's New Family Teaming Policy SSA-CW 21-02 for Court Partners in Child Welfare**

This webinar is designed to share the philosophy and intent of Maryland's new family teaming policy with judges, attorneys, Court Appointed Special Advocates. Participants will be introduced to the Maryland's Integrated Practice Model (IPM) core practice of teaming also known as family teaming. The webinar will define how the continuum of local departments of social services (LDSS) family teaming practices meet the needs of families, children, and youth in Maryland's child welfare system. A team of attorneys, facilitators and SSA staff will explain why this shift in practice occurred and why it is important to outcomes of parents, children, youth and families involved in the child welfare system. The webinar will address the intent and expectations of teaming and the roles and responsibilities of the child welfare system as well as the court and court partners.

Registration is free. To reserve your spot email [Susan.Fisher@maryland.gov](mailto:Susan.Fisher@maryland.gov). A link to the webinar will be emailed closer to the training. A copy of the new policy will be sent to participants ahead of time.

