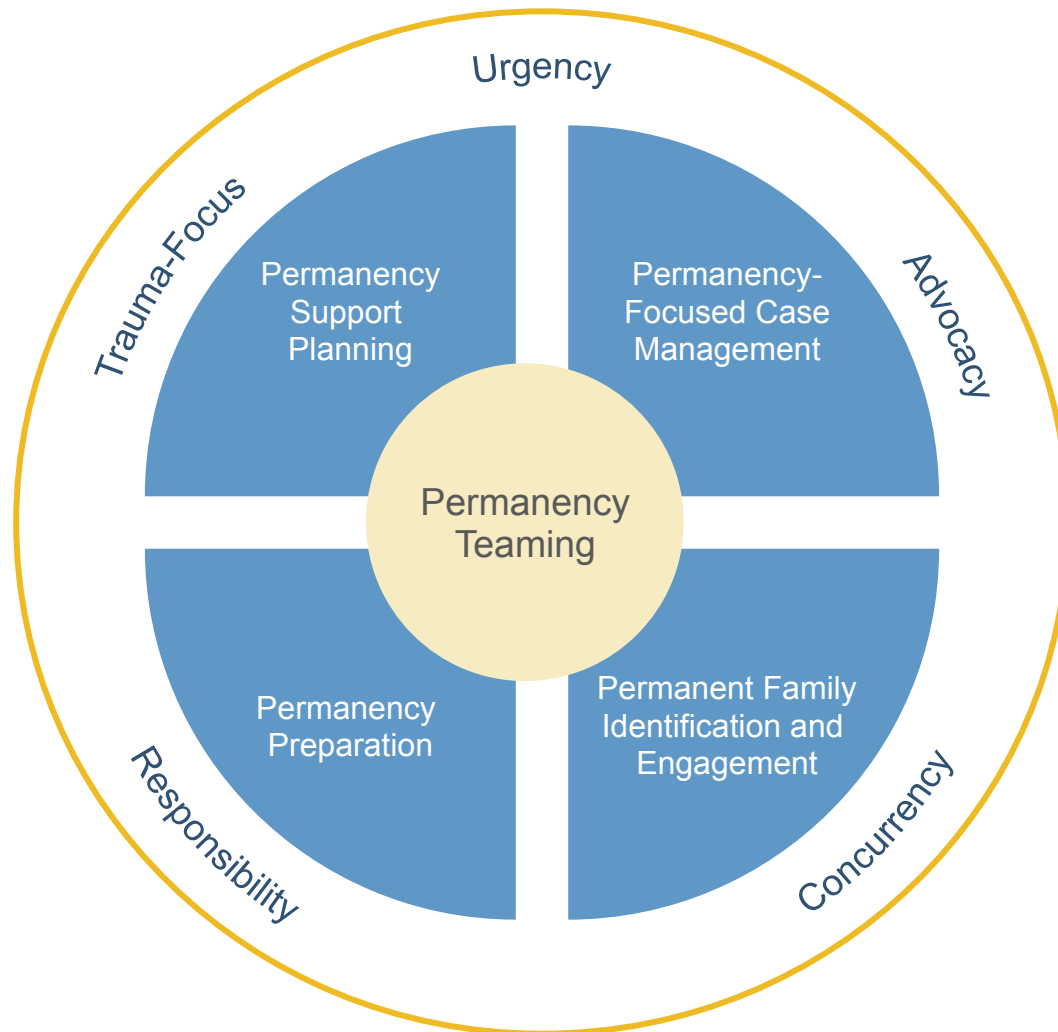


# Lifelong Families



## Casey Family Services Lifelong Families Logic Model

ASSUMPTIONS	COMPONENTS	SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES*	LONG-TERM OUTCOMES
<p><b>Advocacy:</b> Advocating with professionals, caregivers, birth or extended family members and other significant adults in a youth's life to advance progress toward legal permanence. Advocating for appropriate and accessible services to achieve or sustain reunification with birth parents or adoption or legal guardianship with another permanent parent.</p>	<p><b>Permanency Teaming:</b> Convening a youth-focused team that is family-centered and engages birth parents; relatives and extended family; foster, adoptive and guardian parents; caregivers; other significant adults; and professionals. Involving a youth's birth parents or family members in team planning and decision making even when they are not able to parent the youth. Building consensus with the custodial agent or agency regarding the direction of permanency planning for each youth. Developing and implementing a plan for the youth's safety, permanence and well-being.</p>	<p>Youth, parents and family members attend Permanency Team meetings</p> <p>Team members share in decision making</p> <p>Team creates concurrent permanency plan</p>	<p><b>Youth Permanence</b></p> <p>Legal permanence</p> <p>Lifelong family connections</p>
<p><b>Concurrency:</b> Assuring that every youth's permanent plan includes a primary parent as well as a back-up parent able and willing to provide safe parenting and a legal family relationship. Facilitating parallel casework at all times and among all practice components.</p>	<p><b>Permanency-Focused Case Management:</b> Providing and coordinating time-limited foster placement plus therapeutic and concrete services to youth and parents to achieve and sustain permanent family relationships that assure the youth's safety and well-being. When appropriate, accessing evidence-based treatment to help manage and heal the youth's trauma, while supporting birth parents, relative guardians and adoptive parents in sustaining positive and therapeutic parenting approaches. Using case management activities as corrective experiences to reduce and heal trauma.</p>	<p>Case goals are individualized, measurable and time-focused</p> <p>Youth remains safe while in foster care or with permanent parents</p> <p>Stability in foster care</p>	<p><b>Youth Well-Being</b></p> <p>Physical health and safety</p> <p>Educational skills and attainment</p> <p>Emotional well-being</p>
<p><b>Responsibility:</b> Increasing the responsibilities of permanent parents in all aspects of parenting and decision making, while decreasing responsibilities of the agency as substitute parent. Preparing extended family, team members and community resources to support the youth and permanent parent(s) in sustaining permanency after the youth leaves foster care.</p>	<p><b>Permanent Family Identification and Engagement:</b> Identifying and locating disengaged birth parents, relatives and extended family members for reunification or reconnection with youth as well as resolution of grief, loss, attachment and identity issues. Exploring all relatives and other adults known to youth (e.g., teachers, coaches, previous foster families), while facilitating general, targeted and youth-specific recruitment to identify adoptive or guardian families for youth who cannot be reunified with birth family.</p>	<p>Review case record to identify potential caregivers and connections</p> <p>Youth and parents understand youth's trauma history</p> <p>Parents and youth create a permanency support plan</p>	<p>Behavioral development</p> <p>Interpersonal relationships</p>
<p><b>Trauma-Focus:</b> Understanding the impact of traumatic events and experiences on the development, behavior and relationships of youth and their parents and family members. Preparing and supporting parents and family members as primary partners in healing the youth's trauma and sustaining an unconditional and lifelong commitment.</p>	<p><b>Permanency Preparation:</b> Helping a youth clarify life events, integrate family relationships and be ready for legal permanence. Preparing birth parents, relative guardians and adoptive parents to provide safe parenting and make and sustain a lifetime commitment, or give permission for another permanent parent to raise the youth.</p>	<p>(*sample outcomes)</p>	
<p><b>Urgency:</b> Creating momentum to ensure a youth's timely exit to reunification, adoption or legal guardianship. From case opening, the social worker diligently focuses the team on achieving the primary or concurrent permanency goals and removing all agency-, family- and child-related barriers to legal permanence.</p>	<p><b>Permanency Support Planning:</b> Developing a plan for voluntary agency services and/or community supports to sustain reunification, adoption or legal guardianship. Permanency support plans may include information and referral, clinical case management, brief counseling, mediating family relationships, as well as informal supports by family members and team participants.</p>		