

If the custodial parent(s) is interested in this assistance, Children Services will refer their contact information to the Engagement Specialist. The Engagement Specialist will contact the custodial parent within 48 business hours.

Questions?

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Engagement Specialist

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A pre-petition, multi-disciplinary team working *with* custodial parent(s) to mitigate child safety concerns.

Research has taught us that removing children from their family and home is a traumatic event in the life of a child. An opportunity exists at the beginning of a child welfare case to provide an additional layer of support to the family. This program is aimed at strengthening vulnerable families by providing parental support and advocacy while the custodial parent(s) works to correct identified concerns and to avoid involvement of the Family Court system.

Benefits for the Custodial Parent

Prepetition Legal Representation

An attorney, at no cost, will assist the custodial parent(s) in the early stages of a child welfare case, before a child is removed from the home and before petitions are filed. Legal assistance and advice to the custodial parent(s) will provide education to the process, and assistance in removing legal barriers to the child remaining in the home.

Support and Service Connection

An Engagement Specialist will provide support, guidance, and assistance to meeting case plan goals. The Engagement Specialist will help reduce the overwhelming feelings associated with case planning, allowing the focus to turn to goal completion. The Engagement Specialist will assist the custodial parent(s) in navigating service systems, to set the family up for success.

Stark County Family Court promotes a safe and healthy community by protecting and supporting children and families.

