

10/16/2019: 8.1 & 8.3: This week, I was able to participate in inter-professional collaboration among professionals in my agency as we conducted what is referred to as a "Child and Family Team Meeting" (CFTM). This involves the caseworker (which in this case was my instructor), the caseworker's supervisor, and the clients involved in the case. During this meeting, a treatment plan/intervention strategy is presented and discussed with assistance from the supervisor as needed and each client signs off in either agreement or disagreement. I was able to assist my instructor in putting together a treatment plan and discussing it with the family in this case. We were able to advocate on behalf of both the child and the family by obtaining much-needed resources for each of them and ensuring the protection of the child by placing her in the care of extended family members while the mother receives the care she needs. Overall, this meeting was a success as each family member willingly signed off on our plan of action. Being a part of this was an incredible learning experience as I was able to grasp a much greater understanding of each vital component of a CFTM in addition to actively participating in the process.