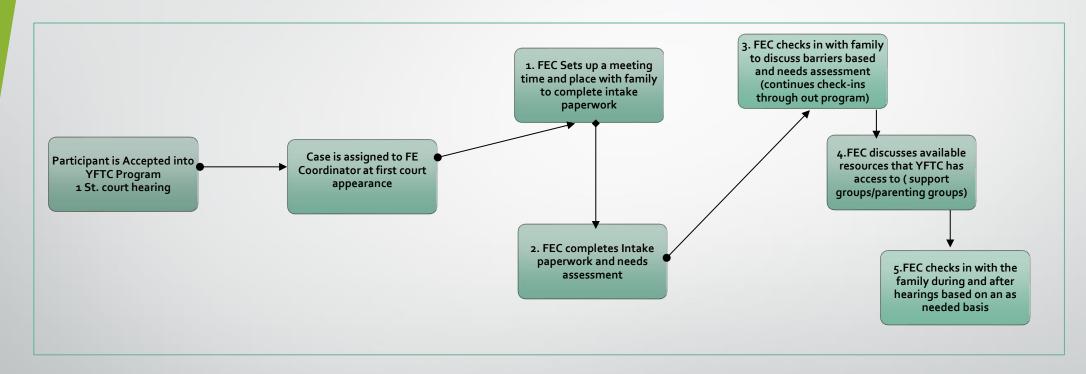
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Family Engagement Component

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^{*}The Family Engagement Coordinator (FEC) is a key role in the Youth & Family Treatment Court, extending from the original problem-solving court coordinator position. The FEC reaches out to families once a youth is accepted into the program, identifies any barriers to participation, and works with the youth's team and family to provide necessary resources. The FEC helps create a plan with the family to address these barriers and ensures that at least one family member or guardian is involved in decision-making.

Throughout the program, the FEC supports families in overcoming challenges by offering guidance on navigating social systems, accessing services, and obtaining resources like financial assistance, housing, food, education support, and more.

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