1. Why are Family Centered Services (FCS) provided?

To avoid the child’s removal and placement into custody, if possible to do so safely. The purpose of FCS is focused on protecting and strengthening the protective capacities of the PRFC to keep the child(ren) safe in their own home.

2. Review information on Engagement and Progress with families.

The engagement process in FCS is an encouraging process essential to promoting child safety and well-being. For engagement to be effective the FCS worker must partner with the family in order to share power and decision-making that is also oriented to the family’s needs.

3. Review (and be able to apply) information on Motivational Interviewing.

Motivational interviewing techniques are a way of thinking/interacting that is collaborative rather than prescriptive.

4. Understand one objective of completing a Family Functional Assessment (FFA) is to establish the FCS worker is in a role to help the family.

No answer here, this item is self-explanatory.

5. Understand engagement is a collaborative process with shared power.

See #4 above.

6. Understand and be able to apply a strengths-based approach.

This approach recognizes parents have strengths that can be built upon and barriers removed in order to improve their parenting and the lives of their children. It is family centered, and looks toward strengthening the capacity of parents to function effectively by focusing on solutions rather than on problems.

7. If the family refuses to cooperate with FCS, what should the worker and supervisor evaluate?

The adequacy of Joe and Susan’s protective capacities without CW services.
8. Understand reinforcement of client self-determination means the worker must feel comfortable enough with their own authority that they are able to give it up and empower parents. (see #4 above)

9. Review poor prognosis indicators for FCS.

   a. 3 or more substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect of a serious nature
   b. Repeated removals of a child
   c. Parental rights terminated
   d. Out of home care under court supervision for more than 1 year during the 3 yr period immediately prior to the current unsafe determination.
   e. PRFC subject to the Okla. Sex Offender Registration Act or similar act, or convicted of a sexual felony offense.
   f. PRFC has history of extensive, abusive, chronic use of drugs or alcohol and resisted treatment during 3yr period immediately prior to the unsafe determination
   g. physical assault, battery, or drug related offense w/in 5 yrs.
   h. Crime against a child
   i. Domestic abuse
   j. Crime involving violence; rape, sexual assault or homicide
   k. Child experienced severe physical or sexual abuse in infancy or resulted in near death or permanent damage to the child
   l. PRFC successfully completed a previous FCS case with same child abuse or neglect allegations

10. When poor prognosis exists, how should the worker evaluate whether the family is appropriate for FCS?

    CW specialist and supervisor evaluate carefully PRFC's ability to engage in treatment plan, and willingness to correct the conditions which led to DHS involvement.

11. Review types of case situations most appropriate for FCS.

    Generally, these will include families that have a support system/extended family willing to align with DHS to ensure child safety.

12. Understand a basis for FCS is the recognition of trauma associated with removal.

    Self-explanatory, no answer needed.

13. Understand (and be able to apply) safety is the first consideration in an FCS case. (see #12 above)
14. Review the time frame requirements in an FCS case for:
   a. Completion of required documents to open the case
      7 business days and documentation of the AOCS, DA Report, Safety Plan
      and Family Service Agreement (FSA).
   b. Initial and ongoing Family Team Meetings
      Initial is within 7 days after signing of the FSA and establishment of the
      safety plan; ongoing FTMs occur at least every 90 calendar days.
   c. Face to face contacts with parents and children
      Within the first 60 days, contact is required one or more times per week.
      After that, contact is required at least once every other week.
   d. Completion of the FFA and Individualized Service Plan (ISP)
      FFA is within 30 days, the ISP is within 45 days.
   e. Case conferences between the FCS worker and supervisor
      At least once every 30 calendar days.

15. If the family fails to cooperate within the first 30 days of the closure of an
    investigation, who completes the addendum to DA report?

    The Child Protective Services (CPS) worker.

16. How long can an FCS case remain open without extension?

    9 months.