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Stage 1 - Request for service

* You can be referred to TAF by another professional that knows your family; such as a teacher, GP, Health visitor, youth worker, or you can refer yourself.
* Referrals must have your consent so it is your decision whether you receive TAF support and you can stop at any time.
* The Early Intervention Panel (EIP) team will determine whether referral requires TAF involvement - if not, advice will be provided as to how to proceed further with a single agency response.

Stage 2 - Home visit and assessment

* A TAF Family Worker arranges a home visit to talk with the whole family about what is going well and what they may need support with.
* A TAF Family Worker will also organise a TAF meeting involving the family at a local venue.
* The assessment will help you to identify your strengths and needs and support you in building a better future for you and your family. This will help to draw up your family support plan.
* Your home visit is aimed to be around two weeks after the Referral is received via the Early Intervention Panel (EIP)

Stage 3 - Family support plan

* Your family support plan will be drawn up from your assessment
* The family support plan will initially look at support for around 12 weeks - it will include actions for everyone in the family and for other agencies
* The family support plan is yours, so all actions will be agreed with you and your family.

Stage 4 - Review process

* Around half way through the family support plan (Week 6) we would review how things are going to make sure we are on track and that you are receiving the right support.
* The Family support plan is reviewed and amended as necessary to meet the changing needs of the family and will be reviewed every 6 weeks whilst the support is continuing.

Stage 5 - Closure

* Family progress towards achieving the Family Support Plan is reviewed and if outcomes are achieved case will be closed.
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* If the needs of families cannot be met via TAF, family referrals to specialist services will be considered.