

# What is FAR?

*Family Assessment Response (FAR) is a CPS response for families who are subjects of concerns of less severe child abuse/neglect that:*

- Has no investigation
- Has no findings
- Doesn't identify subjects
- Protects children by strengthening families
- Supports our agency's vision to increase family and community engagement
- Builds on Children's Administration (CA)'s practice model (Solution Based Casework (SBC) and Safety Framework)
- Assesses the strengths and needs of families
- Delivers concrete and supportive services to families

*We are doing this because:*

- Not all families who receive a CPS report need the same response
- Families are better able to safely care for their children when they develop and strengthen their connections to natural supports and communities
- We can avoid out of home placements through better engagement with families and communities in child safety efforts.
- FAR is supported by legislation.

*We hope to:*

- Share responsibility for child safety with families and communities
- Have fewer children placed in out of home care
- Reduce child abuse and neglect
- Improve child and family well being
- Reduce dependency on state child welfare system

*We will do this by:*

- Supporting staff to partner with families for positive change.
- Providing ongoing training to staff
- Employing continuous quality improvement strategies
- Mentoring and coaching staff in ways that support their work with families
- Incremental implementation, learning as we go

