



When to refer for Family Connections (FC)/S.E.N.S.E. or the Nurturing Parenting Program (NPP)

Family Connections (FC): refer families with a behavior change goal related to family communications and roles, social supports, family resources, parenting attitudes and skills, parenting stress and coping skills, and general child well-being. Families involved with DCS for the following and/ or similar reasons may be appropriate for FC:

Nurturing Parenting Program (NPP): refer families that have a behavior change goal related to parent empathy, age-appropriate expectations of the child, non-violent discipline, family roles, and age-appropriate child power and independence. Families involved with DCS for the following and/ or similar reasons may be appropriate for NPP:



Physical conditions of the home are hazardous



The parent provided inadequate supervision due to lack of age-appropriate expectations or child-independence



The parent needs connection to community resources for food, clothing, shelter, health care, or mental health care to meet the child's immediate or essential needs



The parent injured the child during discipline



The child has developmental, emotional, physical health, or other needs and the parent needs connection to the community resources to improve child well-being



The parent has unrealistic expectations about the child's behavior, development, and capabilities



The parent needs assistance to connect to social supports, such as emotional support, people to assist with childcare, and people to assist with day-to-day needs



The child's behavior is a safety threat to self or others and the parent is unable to control the behavior



The parent is experiencing high stress levels in the parental role



The parent and child have conflict about age-appropriate child power and independence



The parent has negative perceptions of the child or lacks empathy for the child

S.E.N.S.E.: a supportive service for families with a substance exposed newborn (under 90 days old) remaining in-home. This wrap around service includes close collaboration between FC, AZ Families FIRST (AFF), a registered nurse, and a home visitor (such as Healthy Families). Babies can be exposed to any substance and families are eligible even if they are not participating in AFF services. SENSE services can continue after the DCS case is closed.



The parent puts his/her emotional needs above those of the child