

## CFE Tool of the Month

Connectedness Mapping is part of the Family Finding Model. It is a quick and easy tool that uses simple shapes and lines to illustrate a person's connections (or lack of connections).

This tool can also establish a visually compelling image of loneliness for young people separated from consistent adult relationships over time, stemming from multiple moves in and out of home care as well as long-term separation from family members.

Connectedness Map can be viewed as less intrusive than mobility mapping. Using the Connectedness Map may help the child avoid recalling traumatic events from the past that may surface during mobility mapping.

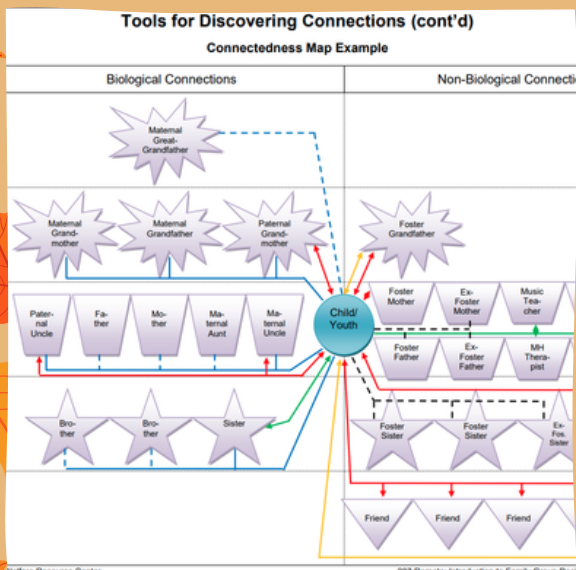
Connectedness Mapping can be accomplished by using the CFE APP or by using a blank piece of paper with red, green, blue, and yellow marker or crayons.

Red represents the heart that loves, green represents the fertile and creative mind, blue represents the body and the blood that runs it, yellow represents the light of the soul or larger meaning.

Dotted lines represent relationships known but the child/youth feels no connection.

Arrows: No Arrows, no connections. Arrow one-way, connection felt for individual, but the connection is not shared by both individual. Arrows two-way means shared connections.

The individual can add their own meaning to the color or shape. With a Connectedness Map, the child/youth will identify people in their life who love and care about them, and who will be there for them no matter what.



## Spotlight!

Congratulations, Alex Garcia, for being recognized by your peers.



Advocate supervisor, Martha Guelker said, "Alex is diligent and thorough when working his cases. He has compassion for both the parents and the children, always wanting the best outcome for all."

Executive Director, Lee Ann Millender stated, "Alex is an amazing, informed, and cheerful addition to our staff. He serves children with a passion and a deep-rooted concern to help make brighter futures that last long after cases have closed."

Big Country CASA is better because you are here!



## Attention Advocates!



Big Country CASA recognizes the financial strain traveling for child visits outside our area may be for some advocates. With this in mind, there are limited funds available for reimbursement of fuel or mileage expenses as needed. We can also try to secure a rental car at a discounted rate.

It is a priority of Big Country CASA to maximize our advocacy efforts including the connection between our kiddos and their advocates. Please visit with your supervisor about the procedures and guidelines for reimbursement or obtaining a rental car.

We hope this will aid in building connections and giving your kiddos the time with you that they deserve!

**Don't forget to like,  
share, and comment on  
our social media posts!**



## Info Meet Thursdays!

### In Person:

November 2, 10 -11am @ Tea2Go (South)

November 9, 2 -3pm @ Front Porch

November 16, 5:15-6:15pm @ Mezamiz

November 30, 9 -10am @ Summer Moon

### Virtual Info Meet:

November 15, 7-8pm

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89911924344?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89911924344?pwd=ejhTVjBKWkVGNTVSbTBBCdUjtWkdWUT09)

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## Other Important Dates:

### Winter New Volunteer Training - Refer a friend!

Thurs Jan 18 @ 6pm – 7:30pm

Mon Jan 22 @ 5:45pm – 9:00pm

Thurs Jan 25 @ 5:45pm – 9:00pm

Mon Jan 29 @ 5:45pm – 9:00pm

Thurs Feb 1 @ 5:45pm – 9:30pm

Mon Feb 5 @ 5:45pm – 9:30pm

Thurs Feb 8 @ 5:45pm – 9:00pm

### CEU Opportunities

Be on the lookout for emails regarding CEU opportunities!

Nov 14 @ 5:45 – 7:30pm: "8 Dimensions of Wellness" w/ Brody Powell.

### Other Dates:

November 10 - Office Closed

November 23 & 24 - Office Closed

### Reminder:

You have 2 months to complete the remainder of your 12 CEUs for 2023!

## Quote of the month:

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."*

**-John F. Kennedy**

**IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A  
PERFECT ADVOCATE...SEND THEM OUR WAY!**

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## New Volunteers!

Congratulations to Jonathan Sharp and Alli Dimmitt on becoming our newest volunteer advocates!

Every child has a chance--it's you!



## Wildcat Basketball!

ACU has generously provided 10 tickets to Big Country CASA for select Men and Women's home basketball games!

If you would like tickets for a game, please contact Dana Ward at [danaward@bigcountrycasa.org](mailto:danaward@bigcountrycasa.org).

Home Game dates and times can be found here:  
<https://acusports.com/>



**Key Connections  
Conference  
January 23, 2024 @  
Beltway Park North  
Details to come!**

