

Think Family Think Thurrock

What is Thurrock’s Think Family Approach?

In Thurrock, children and their families are at the heart of everything we do.

The everyday problems our families deal with are complex and span across different generations, they need a varied and comprehensive solution.

As a way of overcoming these problems, Thurrock Childrens Services has adopted the 'Think Family approach' as its operating model since April 2022.

The Think Family approach uses all the leading evidence-based social work approaches to provide staff with a versatile response, which is flexible enough for the worker to tailor it to every family's unique needs.

The approach works well with Signs of Safety and our other models like systemic practice and contextual safeguarding, without replacing them or changing their thresholds or how they're used.

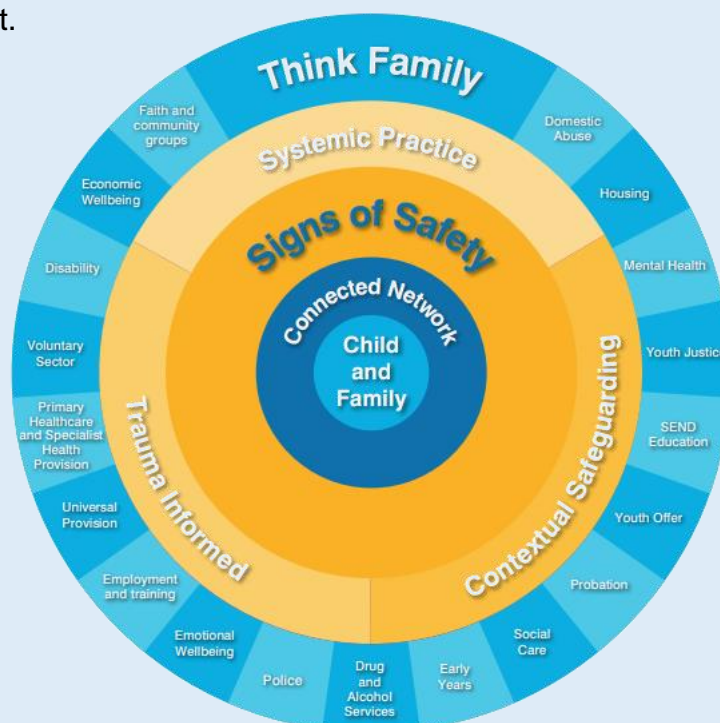
Just like Signs of Safety, Think Family focuses on strengths. Professionals from both child and adult services, build on these strengths to offer personalized, co-ordinated support as soon as possible.

Think Family approach closely mirrors the ‘whole family approach’, which has been very effectively used in our Early Help services for many years. This means that the individual needs of all family members are identified, and practitioners work collaboratively with the family, their connected family network, and professionals to help meet them. The involvement of a family’s connected network is another key component of the Think Family approach.

The Think Family logo

This is Thurrock’s Think Family logo showing how our Think Family approach overarches all that we do.

It highlights the importance of working with partners and community groups to ensure the needs of all family members can be met.



The Think Family logo also illustrates how some families will need support to access universal provision, while other families have complex needs and require access to multiple services and targeted provision.

A crucial aspect of our Think Family approach is to assist families and other agencies in arranging customized support plans early on, which will continue even after our assistance is no longer needed.

