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| **What were/are the benefits of cross collaboration?**   * Get to work with multiple agencies that have their own agenda but we come together for children and families to succeed * Different perspectives, strengths and experiences * Come together to overcome and provide the best services * More knowledge of available services through collaboration * Family was included in the collaboration; truly family-driven; powerful and successful! * The benefits of collaboration are huge for families to succeed. * Being on the same page and communicating the same message * Same playing field and same goals |
| **What were/are the challenges?**   * Not all participants actively participate; might show up but not truly “in” the meeting * Need the right people with time to commit * Perceived conflicting differences; could be working in opposing sides instead of coming together * Own agendas; push what they want * Preconceived reputations * Participant is “sent” to the meeting but really doesn’t have the power or authority to do much * History might affect relationship and collaboration; need to be able to put it aside |