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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
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| **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
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