

1.3a Engagement and Team Preparation

Photo Album

One of the greatest strengths “giveaways” is the family picture album or any pictures they have collected. Remember, each picture is worth a thousand words.

1. Ask if they have any pictures of the family or friends.
2. Sit down with them and go over each picture.
3. Ask questions, where was this taken? Who is this person in the picture?
4. You are looking for family culture, interests, support people and possible family resources.
5. You can use a list to record your findings, either on the spot or later, as you recall what you found.
6. Listing it on the spot is a good idea if you feel comfortable doing so as it gives the family a model for locating or identifying the resources that already exist within a family.
7. Doing this exercise together, with a family, validates that they already have resources and strengths.
8. You may choose to have them bring all the pictures they can to a Family and Child Team meeting where the entire team can be involved in the process. If you do this as a team project you can list the results on a flip chart for all to see.