

SWFS Child & Family Support Programme



South West Family Services

The **SWFS Child & Family Support Programme** provides a structured, child-focused package of support, offering an alternative to the former Cafcass ICFA service. The 12-week programme helps families overcome barriers to safe, positive, and sustainable child arrangements through regular caseworker led support.

Support focuses on:

- addressing obstacles to effective co-parenting and spending-time arrangements
- establishing safe, beneficial, and sustainable time-with-parent arrangements
- improving parental communication where possible
- considering support networks and longer-term co-parenting goals
- ensuring the child's voice is central throughout the intervention

The programme is often used to support preparation and gradual progression of arrangements where a child has not spent time with a parent for an extended period, as well as to address the barriers affecting spending-time arrangements. The service is intended for families involved in private law proceedings or pre-proceedings and is available where both parents agree to participate.

Costs – The 12 Week Programme is £1450 inclusive across Devon, Somerset and Cornwall. (LAA funding is sometimes directed by the court for this service and a breakdown of costings for that purpose can be provided on request)

Is this not quite what you need?

'How It Looks To Me' service for children or our 'Reunification' service might be more suited when more input is required for children and parents around establishing spending time, rather than a blend between this and the co-parenting aims outlined in the service above. Please get in touch if you want more information of any of the other services we provide, including if you need something more bespoke to suit your family or the family you are supporting.

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