

## ◆ Basis for Child Welfare Services ◆

### ☞ Goal of Children and Youth Social Services:

to ensure for each child in this Commonwealth a permanent, legally assured family which protects the child from abuse and neglect (Chapter 3130.11)

### ☞ Preservation of Reasonable Parenting:

Nothing in this Act is intended to disrupt the family unnecessarily or to intrude inappropriately into family life, to prohibit the use of reasonable methods of parental discipline, or to prescribe a particular method of parenting. (Public Law 105-89, Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997)

### ☞ Child and Family Services Review Outcomes:

#### ~Safety

- Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect. Among the ways to gauge this protection are the timeliness of initiating investigations of reports of child maltreatment and the recurrence of maltreatment.
- Children are safely maintained in their own homes whenever possible. Among the ways to gauge this protection are to consider the services to the family to protect the children in their home and prevent removal and the risk of harm to the child.

#### ~Permanency

- Children will have permanency and stability in their living situations.
- The continuity of family relationships and connections will be preserved for children.

#### ~Child and Family Well-Being

- Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
- Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.
- Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs. (Federal Register, Vol. 65 No. 16, January 25, 2000)