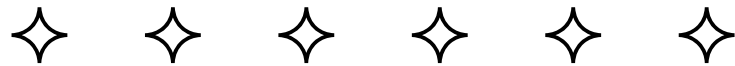


The Philosophical Base for Intake



Intake in child protection is a fact-finding process that assesses whether a child has been harmed, and the degree of risk to the child, determines the need for immediate protection, and identifies the most effective and least disruptive strategies to assure such protection. The intake assessment must, therefore, be considered the first step in the case planning and service delivery process.