

## ◆ Purposes of the CPSL ◆

- ◆ Establish in each county protective services for the purpose of investigating reports swiftly and competently;
- ◆ provide protection for children from further abuse;
- ◆ provide rehabilitative services for children and parents to:
  - ensure the child's well-being, and
  - preserve, stabilize and protect the integrity of family life whenever appropriate, or
  - provide another alternative permanent family when the unity of the family cannot be maintained;
- ◆ encourage more complete reporting of suspected child abuse;
- ◆ involve law enforcement agencies in responding to child abuse;
- ◆ establish procedures to assess risk of harm to a child in order to:
  - respond adequately to meet the needs of the family and child who may be at risk, and
  - prioritize the response and services to children most at risk.