

## ★ Program Objectives of GPS ★

- ★ Keep children in their own homes, whenever possible.
- ★ Prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation of children.
- ★ Overcome problems that result in dependency.
- ★ Provide temporary, substitute placement in the home of a relative, other individual who has a significant relationship with the child or the child's family, a foster family home or residential child-care facility for children in need of this care.
- ★ Reunite children safely with their families, whenever possible, when children are in temporary, substitute placement.
- ★ Provide a permanent, legally assured family for children in temporary, substitute care who cannot be returned to their own home.
- ★ Provide services and care ordered by the court for children who have been adjudicated dependent.