

The Team's Purposes

The permanency team's purpose is to:

- Assist in creating the initial visitation plan;
- Assess the effectiveness of the visiting plan and appropriate revisions over time;
- Assist in assessing how visits went and discuss the progress observed and problems identified during visits;
- Assist in brainstorming changes to the existing visitation plan;
- Reveal any new obstacles that undermine the plan;

The Team's Purposes (continued)

- Discuss solutions to those obstacles that result in positive and productive visits;
- Discuss permanency issues of the child and family (with a focus on the child's permanency goals);
- Talk about who is doing what by when and how; and
- Generally speaking, “to promote the development of a comprehensive, realistic plan, including plans for visiting.”

Source: Ed. McCartt-Hess, Peg, Ph.D, ACSW. (March 1999). Visitation: promoting positive visitation practices for children and their families through leadership, teamwork, and collaboration. Pennsylvania Office of Children Youth and Families. Harrisburg, PA