

Key Points

- ✓ ***Developed as an alternative to sequential planning, concurrent planning is both a philosophy and a case management method.***
- ✓ ***Foster care outcomes are determined as much by an agency's approach as by the parental situation.***
- ✓ ***Concurrent planning utilizes a child-focused, family-centered approach that involves the parents in the decision making process. Parents are given candid feedback about their progress throughout the process.***

- ✓ ***Concurrent planning relies on accurate and thorough assessments and culturally sensitive interviewing.***
- ✓ ***Permanent placements are used whenever possible to remove the anxiety about the future from the child and onto the adults.***
- ✓ ***Concurrent planning helps to remove the adversarial relationships between the adults (parents, relatives, former foster families) by developing supportive relationships that are meant to continue after permanency is achieved. Legal timeframes are used as a means to support parental engagement in the service plan.***