

Protective Authority

Protective Authority is the application of helping and/or coercive strategies that result in client acceptance of CYS intervention and effective client engagement leading to the assurance of child safety, reduction of risk of maltreatment, promotion of well-being and timely permanence.

Protective Authority is a continuum that includes the least intrusive, most helpful strategies at the low end and the most intrusive strategies at the high end including police intervention, court ordered removal of a child and court termination of parental rights.

The keys to effective use of protective authority are balance and flexibility.