

Criteria for Choosing a Case Study:

1. Age and gender of the child;
2. Diagnosis and level of mental health services being received;
3. Parent with mental health or mental retardation issues;
4. Domestic violence or substance abuse present in the home;
5. Place on the casework continuum (screening/intake, assessment/investigation, service/permanency planning, implementing/ revising plans, case closure);
6. Court involvement (protective supervision, placement/adoption, probation, or other);
7. Area in which child lives (urban, suburban, rural) and type of caregiver;
8. Racial/ethnic/religious background and availability of culturally-competent resources;
9. Involvement with multiple systems (educational, medical, mental health, juvenile probation); and
10. Special considerations (citizenship status, language barriers, multiple siblings in various homes).