

Key Concepts:

- Cultural context issues significantly affect provision of appropriate mental health services to children and their families.
- Many systems are involved in assuring effective treatment for children and adolescents with mental health issues.
- Incorporating knowledge and skills associated with mental health disorders into casework practice leads to better outcomes for children and adolescents with mental health issues.

Key Concepts (continued):

- Engaging family members and caregivers in the treatment process supports outcomes of safety, permanency, and well-being for children.
- Interaction with cross-systems partners strengthens collaborative ties with formal and informal resources.
- Advocating for appropriate mental health services for children and their families supports the child welfare mission of safety, permanence, and well-being for each child.