

## **Items Discussed at Permanency Hearings....**

- ✓ The continuing need for and appropriateness of the placement.
- ✓ The appropriateness, feasibility, and extent of compliance with the permanency plan developed for the child.
- ✓ The extent of progress made toward alleviating the circumstances which required placement.
- ✓ The appropriateness and feasibility of the current placement goal for the child.
- ✓ The likely date by which the goal for the child might be achieved.
- ✓ Whether the child is safe.

- ✓ If the child has been placed outside of Pennsylvania, whether the placement continues to be best suited to the protection and physical, mental and moral welfare of the child.
- ✓ If a child is 16 years of age or older, what services are needed to assist the child in making the transition to independent living.
- ✓ If aggravated circumstances exist OR if a child has been in placement for at least 15 out of the last 22 months, evaluate and make a determination on a petition to terminate parental rights or a request for an exception to filing for TPR.
- ✓ If TPR is being proposed, the steps an agency has taken to identify, recruit, process and approve a qualified family to adopt the child.