

# Public Law 105-89: The Adoption and Safe Families Act

- ✓ The incorporation of *safety assessments* into all aspects of casework, including case planning and review requirements.
- ✓ The establishment of *aggravated circumstances* under which a court may not require an agency to make reasonable efforts to reunify a family when a child is in placement.
- ✓ The establishment of *permanency hearings* in replace of review hearings.

- ✓ The requirement that agencies file a termination of parental rights in the majority of circumstances if a child has been in placement for 15 out of the most recent 22 months.
  
- ✓ The establishment of a new permanency goal called *Permanent Legal Custodianship*.