

GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- ✓ Services provided to prevent the *potential for harm* to a child.
- ✓ Every county must provide, arrange or make available GPS services.
- ✓ The county must make available the same services for children in need of general protection as are available for abused children.
- ✓ There are no mandates regarding the reporting of a need for GPS services.

Purpose of GPS Services:

- ✓ Protect the safety, rights and welfare of children.
- ✓ Assist parents in recognizing and remedying conditions harmful to their children and in fulfilling their parental duties in a manner that does not put their children at risk.
- ✓ To prevent cases from escalating to reports of child abuse or an adjudication of dependency.