

ASFA
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 place of review hearings.
- ✓ 12-month timeline for permanency hearing.

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- ✓ Time-limited family reunification services.

- ✓ 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 new permanency goals called Permanent Legal Custodianship, placement with Fit and Willing Relative, and another Planned Permanent Living arrangement.