


● ● ● **Foster Care Overview**



STATE OF WISCONSIN  Foster Parent Pre-Placement Training

● ● ● **Notes for the module...**

- Differences between agencies
- Commonly used terms:
 - Agency
 - County
 - Tribal
 - Private
 - Out-of-Home Care
 - Department of Children and Families (DCF)



● ● ● **Voices of Foster Care**



Support **Trust** **Love**



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Communicative



Best Interests...

Questions you might have about Foster Care

How does a child come into foster care?

What rules exist to protect children?


What is permanency planning?

What is the role of the local agency?

Who is involved?

When you have questions...
(and you will have questions)
Ask your licensing worker.

What is foster care and how do kids get there?



Temporary, home-like care
Goal is reunification

Children can be placed into foster care when...

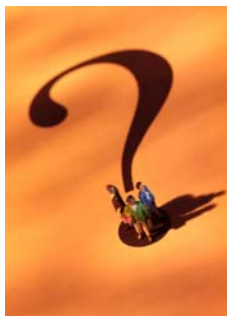
- They are neglected
- They are abused
- Their parent is incarcerated or hospitalized
- They commit a delinquent act
- They have significant medical or mental health needs

● ● ● Rules that Govern Foster Care

- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA)
- Multiethnic Placement Act and Interethnic Placement Act (MEPA & IEPA)
- John H. Chaffee Act
- Fostering Connections
- State statutes
- State administrative rules
- State policies



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● ● ● Ch. DCF 56, Admin. Code

- Administrative code for foster care
 - Requirements for licensing foster parents and foster homes
- Exceptions and waivers




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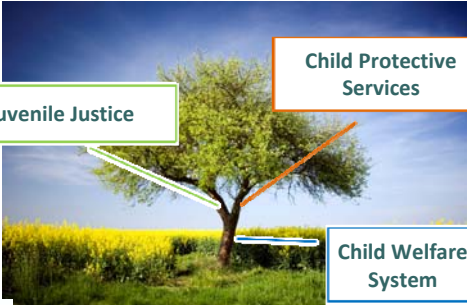
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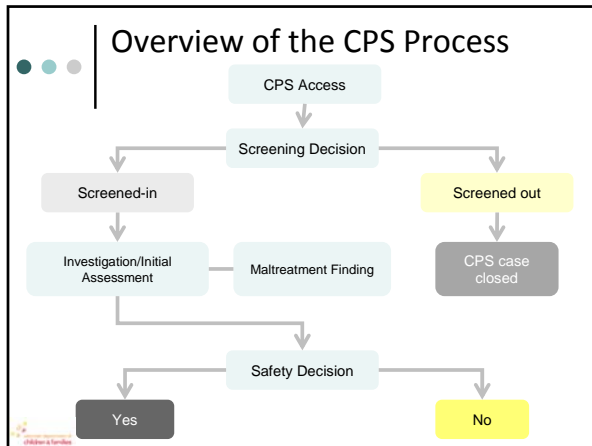


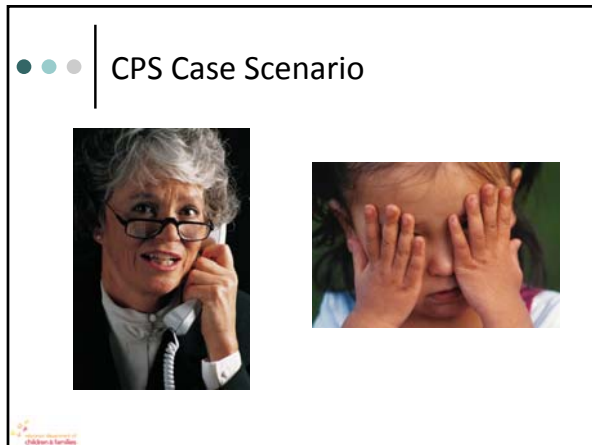
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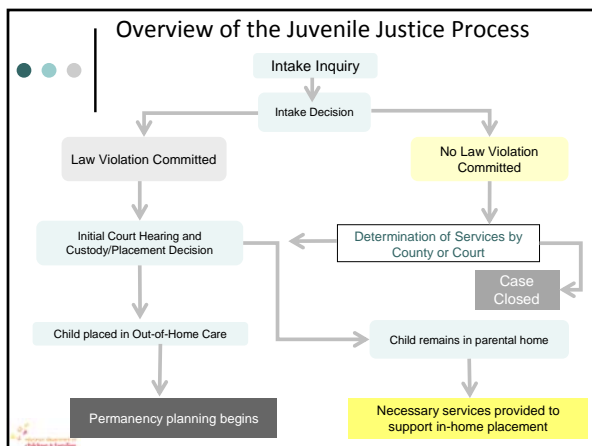
How Children Enter Foster Care
(and what does this have to do with a tree?)



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• • • | Juvenile Justice Case Scenario



• • • | Want more information?

- o CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards



• • • | What is permanence?

- o Legal vs. emotional definition
- o Safe & nurturing relationships
- o Developing and sustaining connections
- o Permanency Planning



What does permanence mean to you?

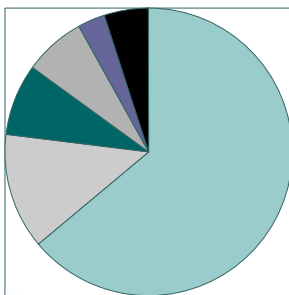


Someone who LOVES you NO MATTER WHAT!

What does permanence mean to you?



Permanence Goals



- Reunification
- Adoption
- Reached age of majority
- Relative provider
- Guardianship
- Other

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Concurrent Planning

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Roles of People Involved with Children in Foster Care



- Foster parents
- Birth parents
- Caseworkers
- Tribal caseworkers
- Foster care coordinators (licensing workers)

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People in the Mental Health System and Other Supportive Professionals

- Psychiatrist
- Mental Health Therapists
- Parent Aides
- Mentors

Professionals in the legal system

- Judge
- Circuit Court Commissioner
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Adversary Counsel
- Corporation Counsel
- District Attorney
- Parents' Attorney
- Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs)





● ● ● Interacting with the courts



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● ● ● Review

