



# STAGES OF A FAMILY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Adapted from the Annie E. Casey Foundation Family to Family Initiative

- **INTRODUCTION**

- Purpose and goal
- Consensus goal/agency owned
- Concept of building on strengths
- Introduction of participants, roles and relationship to child/family/case
- Guidelines for meeting
- Questions before beginning

- **IDENTIFY THE SITUATION**

- Define the concern
- Precipitating event/why are we here?

- **ASSESS THE SITUATION**

- Determine the magnitude of the situation
- Safety needs
- Risk concerns
- Strengths/supports
- Services involved presently and utilized in the past
- Past history/stressors
- Participants' perception of situation
- Worker's recommendation

- **DEVELOP IDEAS**

- Brainstorming ideas to address concern and provide safety and protection
- Ideas will usually be in 3 categories
  - Placement/custody
  - Action to provide safety
  - Services to reduce risk

- **REACH A DECISION**

- Safety and protection in the least intrusive/least restrictive manner
- Action plan developed
- Timely linkage to services, priority services need immediate connection

- **RECAP/EVALUATION/CLOSING**

- Everyone knows who will do what, when?
- Questions??
- Follow-up meeting needed?