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?