
Pennsylvania's Model — Post-Permanency Services



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Why is Pennsylvania Committed to Post-Permanency Services?

- **Ethical Responsibility** - Every day we create families who need support. We have responsibility for them
- **Research** - shows families stay together if given the right support
- **Quality of Life** - Not enough for families to survive - we must help them thrive



Foundation

Pennsylvania Post-Permanency services are:

Family Driven

Non-Judgmental

Strengths-Based



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Capacity

Working with their program technical assistant, agency must realistically determine how many families they can serve at one time



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Post-Permanency Units of Service

- Case Assessment
 - Case Advocacy
- Respite
- Support Group



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Assessment

- Completed within 30 days
- Safety, risk, family strengths and needs
- Assessment tools include Risk Assessment, CAFAS, JIFF, and FACES III
- Develops Family Support Plan with family
- Submits to SWAN completed assessment with recommended services



Family Support Plan

- Strength-Based
- Collaborative
- Identifies family's needs
- Identifies family's goals
- Road map



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Respite Focus



- Enhances attachment
- Benefits both parent, child
- Physically, emotionally safe for parent, child
- Nurtures family
- Predictable – reduce surprises



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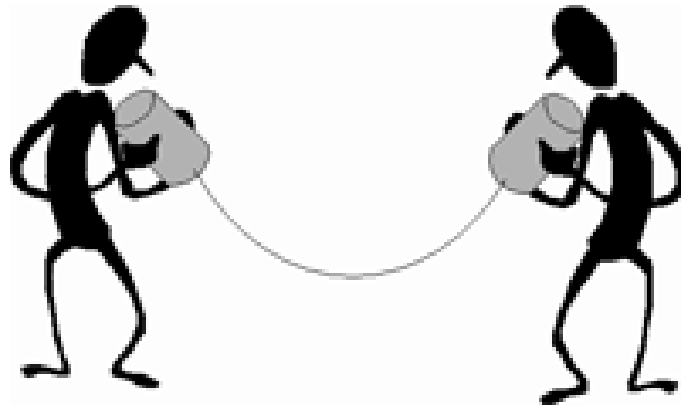
Examples of Respite Programs

- Parents Night Out
- Kids Day Out
- Weekend Retreats
- Summer, Day Camps
- Date Night (2x/month)
- Exchange Respite



Support Group Activities

- Serve as public voice
- Advocate for systemic changes
- Identify, share resources
- Virtual options
- Not Alone



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