

FAMILY SERVICE PLAN DEFINITIONS

Goals;

- Represent the desired overall outcome toward which all case activities are directed; and
- Correspond to the accepted permanency goals for children as indicated in the Federal Adoption and Safe Families Act.

Objectives;

- Describe in measurable terms exactly what change is desired to support the achievement of the goal;
- Are statements which describes a *specific* desired outcome or "end state";
- Are more specific in scope than goals;
- Are derived from the Comprehensive Family Assessment;
- Generally, represent the elimination of the identified need or problem; and
- Are SMART (Specific, Measureable, Action-Oriented, Realistic, and Time-limited).

Tasks:

- Identify what activities will be performed to achieve an objective;
- Are a step-by-step implementation plan which will structure and guide the provision of services;
- Need to specify who is responsible for the implementation of each task;
- Need to specify when task is to take place, including desired time frames for beginning and completing each task; and
- Need to specify how they will be measured.