Protective Authority Scenarios

Your trainer asked you to split into different groups in preparation for discussing the various levels of protective authority that fall between Clarifying Purpose and Role and Court Termination of Parental Rights. Your trainer assigned you one of the following scenarios. Read your scenario. After reading your assigned scenario, hold a small group discussion surrounding the progression of approaches you would take to accomplish the goal identified in your scenario. Record your responses on the sheet of blank flip chart paper provided and be prepared to report out to the large group when finished.

- A. You are a Child Protective Service (CPS) intake worker conducting an unannounced home visit on a new CPS referral you just received. The goal is to get permission to enter the home and conduct an investigation. You knock on the door. The child's mother answers. You introduce yourself as being from the county child welfare agency. The mother is immediately resistant. With the goal in mind, if the mother continues to be resistant, what progression of approaches would you take to accomplish the goal?
- B. You are an ongoing in-home worker. You have been working with the Snyder family for four months. The Snyder family has not been working toward the objectives in their Family Service Plan (FSP). The family continues to tell you that they are following through with the services, however the service providers report that the family is keeping appointments, but not following any recommendations and ultimately making no progress towards their objectives. What progression of approaches would you take to facilitate the family working toward the objectives in their FSP?
- C. You are a placement worker. You have been working with the Fox family for approximately three months, following the placement of Stacey. The Fox family has not been working toward the objectives in their Family Service Plan (FSP)/Child Permanency Plan (CPP). The family continues to tell you that they are following through with the services, however the service providers report that the family is keeping appointments, but not following any recommendations and ultimately making no progress towards their objectives. What progression of approaches would you take to facilitate the family working toward the objectives in their FSP/CPP?

