



## Child Welfare Roles & Responsibilities

### Foster Care Foster Care Worker



#### 1 Roles & Activities

Responsible for all aspects of the foster care case

- Developing child service plans (ISP, USP) and parent plans (PATP)
- Assessing child and family needs and strengths
- Part of team that determines permanency goals
- Ensuring that health/well-being needs are met, including initial, periodic and annual exams and follow up

#### 2 Best Contact Method

- look for name and number on DHS-3762 (permission to treat)
- ask foster parent
- contact HLO



#### 3 What Information can be Shared with Health Care Providers Involved in Diagnosis, Care and Treatment \*

Medical Passport (must be provided)



Medical, mental health assessment and treatment records about the child to a multidisciplinary case consultation team authorized to diagnose, care for, treat or supervise a child/family that is the subject of a report.

NOTE: any information in the assessment and treatment records referring to the parent will be redacted

The following substance use, medical and mental health information about the parent/child CAN be shared:

- verified substance abuse-related criminal history
- newborn drug screen
- self-reported by parent or child
- observed information

NOTE: parental substance use, mental health and medical assessment and treatment records can ONLY be disclosed after a court order OR if parent provides written consent (DHS-1555-CS)



NOTE: child substance use assessment and treatment records can ONLY be disclosed after a court order OR if parent provides written consent (DHS-1555-CS)

\*NOTE: responses to individual requests will occur based on MDHHS policy

#### 4 Role Necessities

- documentation from initial, periodic and yearly examinations
- documentation of psychotropic medication informed consent
- recommendations for any health-related follow up (ongoing)



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