



Child Welfare Roles & Responsibilities

Mental Health Psychiatrist



1 Roles & Activities

- mandated reporter
- provide psychiatric evaluation and treatment including psychotropic medication
- participate in team treatment processes
- document activities (clinical care)
- communicate with other health care providers

2 Best Contact Method

- contact agency – ask for Medical Services Supervisor and then ask best way to reach psychiatrist



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



- any information connected to an investigation into abuse or neglect
- documentation of informed consent for psychotropic medications
- clinical documentation to caseworker
- clinical documentation to birth/legal parent of a temporary court ward
- written/verbal instructions to foster parent as needed to facilitate care
- clinical documentation/verbal reports to those designated in consent for release of information signed by birth/legal parent (temporary court ward) or caseworker (permanent state ward)

4 Role Necessities

Medical and mental health history for child – especially when care transition – sources:

- passport
- birth/legal parent
- child welfare records (if parental consent)
- other providers (need to know who these are so can request records)

Capacity to get questions answered quickly – possibly even before scheduled appointment

Office flow set up to get information ready/in chart by the scheduled

