

# Fostering Health Partnerships



## Child Welfare Roles & Responsibilities

### Mental Health Nursing



#### 1 Roles & Activities

- mandated reporter
- assist with care activities
- gather information at appointment
- outreach to obtain records
- follow up calls
- answer questions (e.g. nurse line)
- provide "nursing medication reviews" as needed between psychiatric appointments

#### 2 Best Contact Method

- contact agency – ask for nurse



#### 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

- capacity to get questions answered quickly – possibly even before scheduled appointment
- office flow set up to get information ready/in chart by the scheduled
- Add legal consenting party at visit as coordinator by caseworker

