

# Fostering Health Partnerships



## Child Welfare Roles & Responsibilities

### Primary Care Primary Care Physicians (Pediatrics or Family Practice)



#### 1 Roles & Activities

- Mandated Reporting
- Involved in medical aspects of child abuse investigation
- Conducts comprehensive (well child) examinations
- Provides Assessment/Diagnosis/Treatment
- Requests referrals for specialty care (medical/dental/mental health)

#### 2 Best Contact Method

- contact main office number (unless prior arrangements for alternate number)



#### 3 What Information can be Shared?

With CPS:

- all records pertaining to child abuse investigation
- information pertaining to ongoing care; e.g. recommendations for follow up with foster care



With Foster Care:

- records from comprehensive examinations
- documents from focused examinations; e.g. earache, ADHD
- developmental, social/emotional screening tools - scored

#### 4 Role Necessities

Medical 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 appointment

