

## MODULE I: ORIENTATION TO FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP CARE, AND ADOPTION

### Note Taking Guide

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Identify the goals of child welfare
- Explain the difference between foster care, kinship care, and adoption
- Determine whether or not to continue exploring foster care, kinship care, or adoption

### Rules of the Road

Attendance:

- Be on time
- Sign in
- Don't miss more than 15 minutes
- Must make up any sessions missed
- If you choose to stop, let your worker know why

Classroom behaviors:

- Respect diversity
- Keep confidentiality
- Manage electronic devices



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### Expectations about Foster Care and Adoption

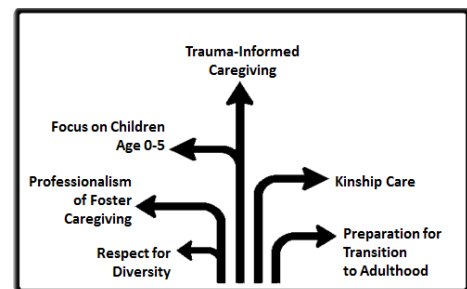
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### Current Trends

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## **Goals and Principles of Child Welfare**

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The fundamental principles of child welfare include:

- Protect children from harm
- Keep children with their families whenever possible.
- If children must be removed, work on strengthening the family immediately so the child can be returned.
- Place children in the least restrictive, most home-like setting as close to their own home as possible.
- All children will do better in permanent homes.



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### Individual Reflection

*Please take a few minutes to reflect on what you have learned in this Preservice training and how the information applies to you. Give this sheet to the agency worker who is completing your homestudy.*

1. The goals of child welfare are safety, permanency, and well-being. In your own words, explain the meaning of each goal.

Safety

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Permanency

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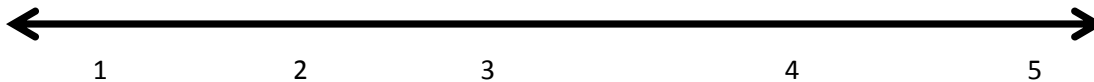
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Well-being

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2. This module introduced you to the nine essential elements of trauma-informed caregiving. On a scale of 1-5 (with 1 being little understanding and 5 being full understanding), rate your current understanding of trauma-informed caregiving. Please explain your rating.



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3. Which option – foster care, kinship care, or adoption – seems to fit your family best at this time? Why?

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