

# **GUIDING PRINCIPLES for CHINS REFORM**

(As discussed at the kick-off meeting on November 30, 2005)

## **1. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

- Best interest of the child
- Family Centered
- Crisis Stabilization
- Permanency
- Custody Issues in Care & Protection

## **2. EARLY INTERVENTION and DIVERSION**

- Crisis Stabilization

## **3. TIMELY ACCESS TO ASSESSMENT, PLANNING & INTERVENTION**

## **4. COMMUNITY BASED**

## **5. CULTURALLY COMPETENT**

## **6. ACCOUNTABILITY AT ALL LEVELS**

- To the whole child, family and agencies
- Provide services needed not just what is available currently
- Clear lines of responsibility
- Programs must be individualized for families and children, including runaways

## **7. FOSTERING COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION**

- Respecting confidentiality

## **8. PARENT EMPOWERMENT**

- Information
- Timely Notice
- Respect needs of parents

## **9. PROVIDE A FULL ARRAY OF SERVICES AT ALL POINTS IN ALL AREAS OF CHINS**

Child

Family

Schools

Judges

Agencies

Community   Public/Private

Employers

## **10. PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS**

## **11. EDUCATION OF PUBLIC (WHAT IS CHINS?)**

## **12. DATA COLLECTION**

Who is served, where?

Where are the holes in the system?

## **13. WHAT ARE BEST PRACTICES?**

Child Welfare

SPED

Diversion