



Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee

Our Mission: To lead the charge for excellence in every system that touches kids.

UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE IN MAY OF 2001

- This is an exploration, not an investigation.
- This is problem-solving, not blame-placing.
- This is about systems, not individuals.
- This is about children's needs and about adult's needs only to the extent that they contribute to satisfying children's needs.
- This is designed to develop recommendations for the Board of Supervisors, not to run the day-to-day operations of DCFS.
- This is designed to create systems which enhance the ability of good people to do good work.
- This is an opportunity to give voice to a wide variety of individuals and groups.
- This is an opportunity to educate ourselves and the wider community about the public's role and responsibility for public services for children.
- This is an opportunity for the community, through its representatives, to partner with the public servants whom we employ, in order to improve services for children.
- This is an opportunity to create something which lasts longer than we do.