

Focus of Advocacy

- **Assess Placement:** how well is the child doing in his/her foster home, group home, with a parent, a relative, or near kin; how does the child get along with adults and other children?
- **Follow up on Details:** examine issues such as connection with siblings, reactions towards reunifying with parents; attention to medical or dental needs.
- **Track Educational Progress:** work with teachers, schools, and foster parents for greater success in school; ensure youth's educational rights are upheld.
- **Foster Healthy Lifestyles:** promote extra-curricular activities, pursuit of interests, model positive conflict resolution.
- **Empower Children:** encourage children to speak up for their needs and take a positive stand for their future.
- **Report to the Judge:** provide him/her detailed information and more personal observations with which to make decisions.