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Contra Costa County
Children & Family Services

Definition of Permanency

Permanency means having an enduring family relationship. This family relationship is defined as at least one adult who provides:

- A safe and stable parenting relationship meant to last a lifetime
- Love and unconditional commitment
- The legal rights whenever possible and social status of full family membership
- Physical, emotional, social, cognitive, spiritual and cultural well-being
- Assurance of lifelong connections to extended family, siblings, other significant adults, family history, and traditions, race and ethnic heritage, culture, religion and language
- Opportunities, whenever possible, for the Youth to have a leadership role in developing his/her lifelong relationships

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